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Part 0

Preface

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- This document constitutes a set of lecture slides that are intended to be used to provide a detailed introduction to the Clang libraries in *version 15* of LLVM/Clang.
- Although this document specifically targets version 15 of LLVM/Clang, the information presented herein is still likely to be at least partially relevant to other versions of LLVM/Clang, especially versions that are close to 15.
- This document represents a work in progress and should be considered an *alpha release*.
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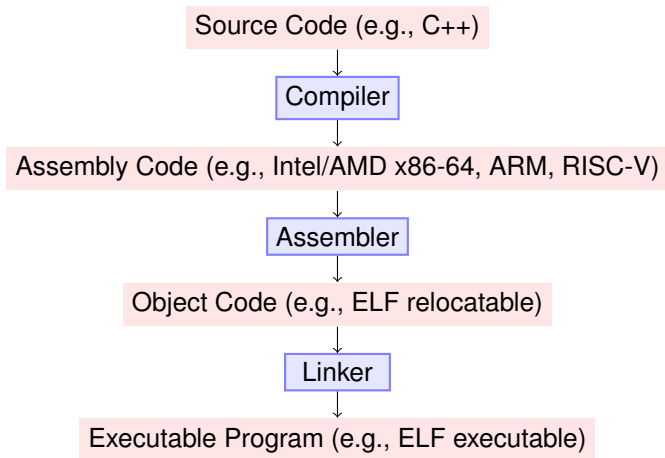
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Part 1

Compilers

Building Code: Compiling, Assembling, and Linking

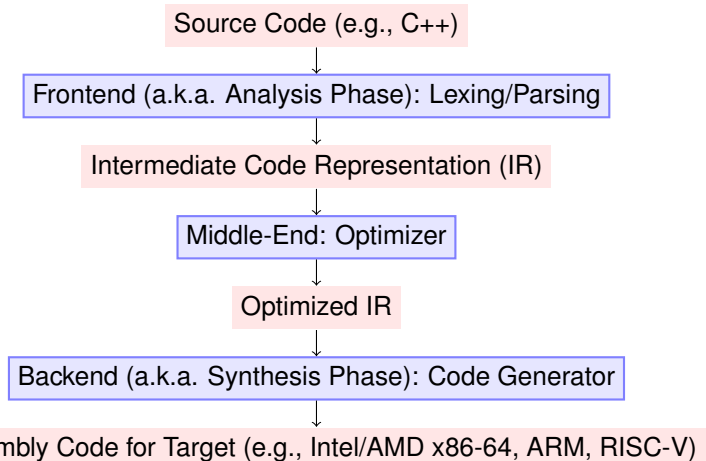


- in context of this discussion, interested only in compiler

Section 1.1

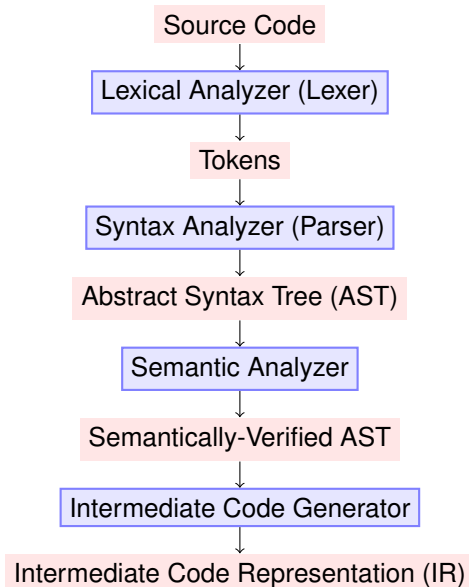
Structure of Compiler

Structure of Compiler



- same IR used by all frontends and backends (avoids $M \times N$ problem)
- in context of this discussion, primary focus is compiler frontend

Structure of Compiler Frontend (Analysis Phase)



- frontend is language dependent but machine independent
- in context of this discussion, interest lies with tokens and AST, not IR

Lexical Analyzer (Lexer)

- **lexical analyzer** (also known as **lexer**) reads source code as sequence of characters and groups them into tokens
- tokens often defined using regular expressions
- token might correspond to entity such as: identifier, keyword, separator, operator, literal, comment
- example:

Code Fragment

```
foo = bar + 42;
```

Token Stream

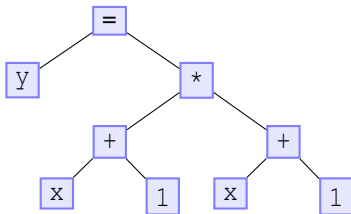
Token Type	Token Value
identifier	foo
operator	assignment
identifier	bar
operator	addition
literal	42
semicolon	—

Syntax Analyzer (Parser)

- **syntax analyzer** (also known as **parser**) reads sequence of tokens and uses them to construct abstract syntax tree (AST)
- **AST** is tree-based data structure used to represent semantics of source code
- much of work of compiler frontend performed using AST
- unlike concrete syntax tree (also known as parse tree), AST typically (but not always) omits information that is not necessary for characterizing code structure (e.g., braces and parentheses)
- example:

Code Fragment
 $y = (x + 1) * (x + 1)$

AST for Code Fragment



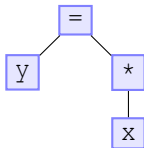
- checks if AST is valid (i.e., corresponds to well-formed code)
- semantic analysis would typically include checks for such things as:
 - invalid types
 - invalid operands
 - invalid arguments in function calls
 - undeclared identifiers/variables
- example:

Code Fragment

$y = *x$

where x and y of type **int**
(code invalid, cannot
dereference x)

AST for Code Fragment
(Not Semantically Valid)



- **intermediate code generator** produces intermediate code representation (IR) from AST
- particular IR used highly dependent on compiler
- IR provides way to describe code in manner that is independent of language and target architecture
- can think of IR as very generic assembly-like language for some idealized/fictitious processor architecture
- in case of LLVM, for example, IR can be thought of as assembly-code for processor with infinite number of registers

- **IR optimizer** performs transformations to IR in attempt to produce more efficient code
- since working with IR, optimizations are *machine independent*
- some common types of optimizations might include:
 - eliminate unreachable code
 - eliminate dead stores
 - eliminate unused variables
- IR optimizer not to be confused with machine-dependent optimizer in compiler backend

Structure of Compiler Backend (Synthesis Phase)

Optimized Intermediate Code Representation

Machine-Dependent Code Generator

Assembly Code for Target

Machine-Dependent Code Optimizer

Optimized Assembly Code for Target

- backend is machine dependent but language independent

- **machine-dependent code generator** produces assembly code for target architecture from IR
- must map operations in IR onto instructions of target architecture
- must map registers and storage used by operations in IR onto memory and register set of target architecture
- assembly code produced may then be further optimized to yield final assembly-code output

Example: Source Code

simple_1.cpp

```
1 int add(int x, int y) {  
2     return x + y;  
3 }
```

Example: Tokens

simple_1.cpp

```
1  int add(int x, int y) {  
2      return x + y;  
3  }
```

Command

```
clang -std=c++20 -Xclang -dump-tokens -fsyntax-only simple_1.cpp
```

Output (Standard Error)

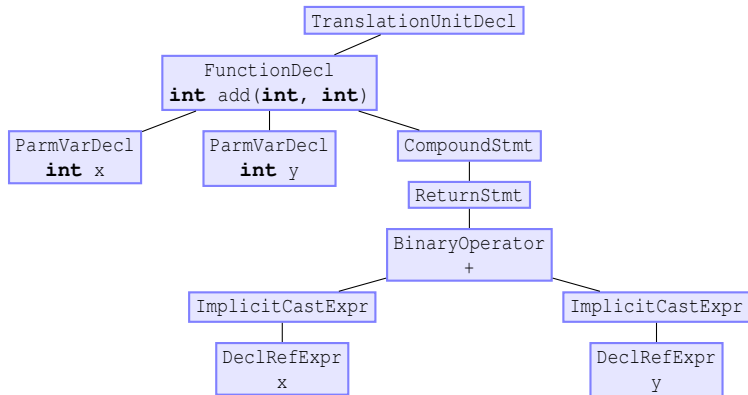
```
int 'int' [StartOfLine] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:1>  
identifier 'add' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:5>  
l_paren '(' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:8>  
int 'int' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:9>  
identifier 'x' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:13>  
comma ',' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:14>  
int 'int' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:16>  
identifier 'y' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:20>  
r_paren ')' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:21>  
l_brace '{' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:1:23>  
return 'return' [StartOfLine] [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:2:2>  
identifier 'x' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:2:9>  
plus '+' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:2:11>  
identifier 'y' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:2:13>  
semi ';' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:2:14>  
r_brace '}' [StartOfLine] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:3:1>  
eof '' [StartOfLine] Loc=<simple_1.cpp:3:2>
```

Example: AST [Graphical]

simple_1.cpp

```
1 int add(int x, int y) {  
2     return x + y;  
3 }
```

AST (Clang 14; Slightly Abridged)



Example: AST [clang-check]

simple_1.cpp

```
1  int add(int x, int y) {
2      return x + y;
3  }
```

Command

```
clang-check -ast-dump -ast-dump-filter=add simple_1.cpp -- \
-fno-color-diagnostics -std=c++20
```

Output (Clang 14; Standard Output)

```
Dumping add:
FunctionDecl 0x74c4e98 </home/jdoe/simple/simple_1.cpp:1:1, line:3:1> line:1:5 add 'int (int, int)'
|-ParmVarDecl 0x74c4cf8 <col:9, col:13> col:13 used x 'int'
|-ParmVarDecl 0x74c4d80 <col:16, col:20> col:20 used y 'int'
`-CompoundStmt 0x74c5050 <col:23, line:3:1>
  `-ReturnStmt 0x74c5040 <line:2:2, col:13>
    '-BinaryOperator 0x74c5020 <col:9, col:13> 'int' '+'
      |-ImplicitCastExpr 0x74c4ff0 <col:9> 'int' <LValueToRValue>
        | '-DeclRefExpr 0x74c4fb0 <col:9> 'int' lvalue ParmVar 0x74c4cf8 'x' 'int'
        '-ImplicitCastExpr 0x74c5008 <col:13> 'int' <LValueToRValue>
          '-DeclRefExpr 0x74c4fd0 <col:13> 'int' lvalue ParmVar 0x74c4d80 'y' 'int'
```

Example: AST [clang]

simple_1.cpp

```
1 int add(int x, int y) {
2     return x + y;
3 }
```

Command

```
clang -std=c++20 -Xclang -ast-dump -fsyntax-only -fno-color-diagnostics \  
simple_1.cpp
```

Output (Clang 14; Standard Output; Abridged)

```
TranslationUnitDecl 0x93dfe78 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc>  
|-TypeDecl 0x93e0700 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __int128_t '__int128'  
| '-BuiltinType 0x93e0440 '__int128'  
|-TypeDecl 0x93e0778 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __uint128_t 'unsigned __int128'  
| '-BuiltinType 0x93e0460 'unsigned __int128'  
|-TypeDecl 0x93e0b30 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __NSConstantString '__NSConstantString_tag'  
| '-RecordType 0x93e0880 '__NSConstantString_tag'  
| '-CXXRecord 0x93e07d8 '__NSConstantString_tag'  
|-TypeDecl 0x93e0bd8 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __builtin_ms_va_list 'char *'  
| '-PointerType 0x93e0b90 'char *'  
| '-BuiltinType 0x93dff20 'char'  
|-TypeDecl 0x942a930 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __builtin_va_list '__va_list_tag[1]'  
| '-ConstantArrayType 0x942a8d0 '__va_list_tag[1]' 1  
| '-RecordType 0x93e0ce0 '__va_list_tag'  
| '-CXXRecord 0x93e0c38 '__va_list_tag'  
'-FunctionDecl 0x942ab48 <simple_1.cpp:1:1, line:3:1> line:1:5 add 'int (int, int)'  
|-ParmVarDecl 0x942a9a8 <col:9, col:13> col:13 used x 'int'  
|-ParmVarDecl 0x942aa30 <col:16, col:20> col:20 used y 'int'  
'-CompoundStmt 0x942ad00 <col:23, line:3:1>  
'-ReturnStmt 0x942acf0 <line:2:2, col:13>  
[deleted text]
```

Example: IR

Command

```
clang++ -S -emit-llvm simple_1.cpp
```

LLVM IR (simple_1.ll)

```
1 ; ModuleID = 'simple_1.cpp'
2 source_filename = "simple_1.cpp"
3 target datalayout = "e-m:e-p270:32:32-p271:32:32-p272:64:64-i64:64-f80:128-n8:16:32:64-S128"
4 target triple = "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu"
5
6 ; Function Attrs: mustprogress noline nounwind optnone uwtable
7 define dso_local noundef i32 @_Z3addii(i32 noundef %0, i32 noundef %1) #0 {
8     %3 = alloca i32, align 4
9     %4 = alloca i32, align 4
10    store i32 %0, i32* %3, align 4
11    store i32 %1, i32* %4, align 4
12    %5 = load i32, i32* %3, align 4
13    %6 = load i32, i32* %4, align 4
14    %7 = add nsw i32 %5, %6
15    ret i32 %7
16 }
17
18 attributes #0 = { mustprogress noline nounwind optnone uwtable "frame-pointer"="all" "min-legal-vector-
    ↳ width"="0" "no-trapping-math"="true" "stack-protector-buffer-size"="8" "target-cpu"="x86-64" "
    ↳ target-features"="+cx8,+fxsr,+mmx,+sse,+sse2,+x87" "tune-cpu"="generic" }
19
20 !llvm.module.flags = !{!0, !1, !2}
21 !llvm.ident = !{!3}
22
23 !0 = !{i32 1, !"wchar_size", i32 4}
24 !1 = !{i32 7, !"uwtable", i32 1}
25 !2 = !{i32 7, !"frame-pointer", i32 2}
26 !3 = !{!"clang version 14.0.0"}
```

Example: Optimized IR

Command

```
clang++ -O3 -S -emit-llvm -o simple_1-opt.ll simple_1.cpp
```

LLVM Optimized IR (simple_1-opt.ll)

```
1 ; ModuleID = 'simple_1.cpp'
2 source_filename = "simple_1.cpp"
3 target datalayout = "e-m:e-p270:32:32-p271:32:32-p272:64:64-i64:64-f80:128-n8:16:32:64-S128"
4 target triple = "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu"
5
6 ; Function Attrs: mustprogress norecurse nosync nounwind readnone uwtable willreturn
7 define dso_local noundef i32 @_Z3addii(i32 noundef %0, i32 noundef %1) local_unnamed_addr #0 {
8     %3 = add nsw i32 %1, %0
9     ret i32 %3
10 }
11
12 attributes #0 = { mustprogress norecurse nosync nounwind readnone uwtable willreturn "frame-
    ↳ pointer"="none" "min-legal-vector-width"="0" "no-trapping-math"="true" "stack-protector-buffer-
    ↳ size"="8" "target-cpu"="x86-64" "target-features"="+cx8,+fxsr,+mmx,+sse,+sse2,+x87" "tune-cpu"="
    ↳ generic" }
13
14 !llvm.module.flags = !{!0, !1}
15 !llvm.ident = !{!2}
16
17 !0 = !{i32 1, !"wchar_size", i32 4}
18 !1 = !{i32 7, !"uwtable", i32 1}
19 !2 = !{"clang version 14.0.0"}
```

Example: x86-64 Assembly Code

Command

```
clang++ -S simple_1.cpp
```

x86-64 Assembly Code (simple_1.s)

```
1      .text
2      .file "simple_1.cpp"
3      .globl _Z3addii                # -- Begin function _Z3addii
4      .p2align 4, 0x90
5      .type _Z3addii,@function
6      _Z3addii:                      # @_Z3addii
7      .cfi_startproc
8      # %bb.0:
9      pushq %rbp
10     .cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
11     .cfi_offset %rbp, -16
12     movq %rsp, %rbp
13     .cfi_def_cfa_register %rbp
14     movl %edi, -4(%rbp)
15     movl %esi, -8(%rbp)
16     movl -4(%rbp), %eax
17     addl -8(%rbp), %eax
18     popq %rbp
19     .cfi_def_cfa %rsp, 8
20     retq
21     .Lfunc_end0:
22     .size _Z3addii, .Lfunc_end0-_Z3addii
23     .cfi_endproc
24                                     # -- End function
25     .ident "clang version 14.0.0"
26     .section ".note.GNU-stack","",@progbits
27     .addrsig
```

Example: Optimized x86-64 Assembly Code

Command

```
clang++ -O3 -S -o simple_1-opt.s simple_1.cpp
```

Optimized x86-64 Assembly Code (simple_1-opt.s)

```
1  .text
2  .file "simple_1.cpp"
3  .globl _Z3addii                # -- Begin function _Z3addii
4  .p2align 4, 0x90
5  .type _Z3addii,@function
6  _Z3addii:                      # @_Z3addii
7  .cfi_startproc
8  # %bb.0:
9
10 # kill: def $esi killed $esi def $rsi
11 # kill: def $edi killed $edi def $rdi
12     leal  (%rdi,%rsi), %eax
13     retq
14 .Lfunc_end0:
15     .size _Z3addii, .Lfunc_end0-_Z3addii
16     .cfi_endproc
17
18 # -- End function
19     .ident "clang version 14.0.0"
20     .section ".note.GNU-stack","",@progbits
21     .addrsig
```

Section 1.2

Name Mangling

Example: Name Demangling

Command (With Mangled Names as Arguments to `llvm-cxxfilt`)

```
llvm-cxxfilt _Z3addii
```

Output

```
add(int, int)
```

Command (Run `llvm-cxxfilt` as Filter)

```
echo "_Z3addii _Z3addii _Z3addii" | llvm-cxxfilt
```

Output

```
add(int, int) add(int, int) add(int, int)
```

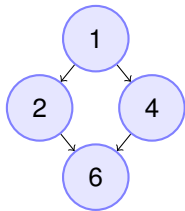

Section 1.3

Control-Flow Graphs (CFGs)

Control-Flow Graphs

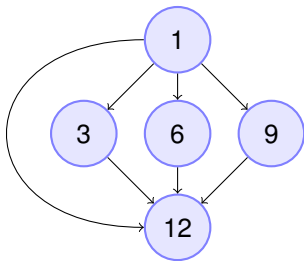
- **control-flow graph (CFG)** is directed graph that shows paths of execution in code
- nodes correspond to statement fragments or statements
- given two nodes i and j in CFG, edge from i to j exists if and only if statement fragment corresponding to node j can be executed immediately after statement fragment corresponding to node i
- code can be viewed in terms of CFG
- CFGs are particularly useful for performing certain types of code analysis

CFG Examples: If-Else and Switch



declarations:

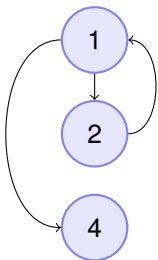
```
bool c; double x; double y;  
1  if (c) {  
2     y = x * x;  
3  } else {  
4     y = x;  
5  }  
6  // ...
```



declarations:

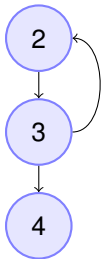
```
int n; double x; double y;  
1  switch (n) {  
2  case 0:  
3     y = 0.0;  
4     break;  
5  case 1:  
6     y = 2.0 * x;  
7     break;  
8  case 2:  
9     y = 0.5 * x * x;  
10    break;  
11 }  
12 // ...
```

CFG Examples: While and Do-While Loops



declarations:

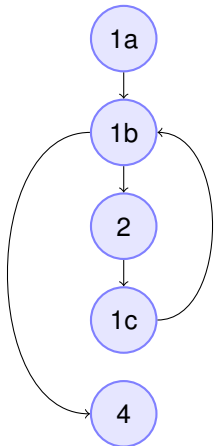
```
int n;  
1 while (n > 0) {  
2     --n;  
3 }  
4 // ...
```



declarations:

```
int n;  
1 do {  
2     --n;  
3 while (n > 0);  
4 // ...
```

CFG Examples: For Loop

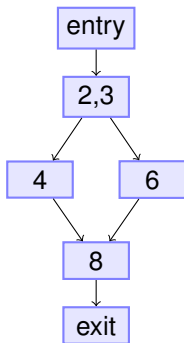


declarations:

```
int a[1024];  
1 for (int i = 0; i < 1024; ++i) {  
2     a[i] = 0;  
3 }  
4 // ...
```

- variable is said to be **live** at some point in code if it holds value that may be needed in future (or equivalently, if its value may be read before next time variable is written)
- at each point in code execution, each variable is either live or dead
- **live-variable analysis** (also called **liveness analysis**) is classic data-flow analysis to calculate variables that are live at each point in code
- some uses for liveness analysis include:
 - detecting dead stores (i.e., value written to variable that is never read)
 - detecting use of uninitialized variables
 - register allocation (i.e., deciding which variables should be allocated to registers)

Liveness Example



```
1  int foo(int x, int y) {
2      int t = x * y; // t is dead
3      if ((x + 1) * (x - 1) == y) {
4          t = 1;
5      } else {
6          t = 2;
7      }
8      return t;
9  }
```

Performing Live-Variable Analysis

- CFG used to perform liveness analysis
- liveness analysis flows backwards through code considering each statement/expression
- variable becomes live when statement/expression reads value of variable
- variable becomes dead when statement/expression assigns value to variable

Part 2

LLVM and Clang

- LLVM is collection of modular compiler and toolchain components
- much of LLVM code is organized as collection of libraries
- frontends for numerous languages, including:
 - Ada, C, C++, D, Delphi, Fortran, Haskell, Julia, Objective-C, Rust, and Swift
- modern source- and target-independent optimizer
- backends for numerous targets, including:
 - IA-32 (i.e., 32-bit x86), x86-64, ARM, Qualcomm Hexagon, MIPS, PowerPC, RISC-V, SPARC, z/Architecture
- numerous tools and libraries, including:
 - debugger (LLDB), linker (LLD)
 - C++ standard library implementation (libc++)
- open-source (licensed under Apache 2.0 Licence with LLVM exceptions)
- originally written by Vikram Adve and Chris Lattner
- initial release in 2003

- Clang is compiler frontend for:
 - C, C++, Objective-C, and Objective-C++ programming languages
- has support for:
 - OpenMP, OpenCL, CUDA, and HIP
- Clang very modular and organized as collection of libraries along with some programs that use these libraries
- library for each of lexer, parser, semantic analyzer, and so on
- Clang originally developed by Apple and then later released under open-source license in 2007
- Clang compiler frontend not to be confused with compiler-driver programs `clang` and `clang++`, which can do more than just compile (e.g., optimize, assemble, and link)

Section 2.1

Obtaining and Building LLVM/Clang

- LLVM/Clang source code can be obtained from LLVM monorepo at:
 - <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project.git>
- repository is quite large
- can also obtain individual release tarballs from GitHub at:
 - <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/releases>
- for example, tarball for LLVM/Clang 15.0.6 available from:
 - <https://github.com/llvm/llvm-project/releases/download/llvmorg-15.0.6/llvm-project-15.0.6.src.tar.xz>
- in most cases, probably preferable to obtain LLVM/Clang from Git repository

- by default, LLVM/Clang is built with run-time type-identification (RTTI) and exception handling (EH) disabled
- if LLVM/Clang libraries and code using these libraries built with different RTTI/EH settings, care must be taken to avoid accidentally relying on RTTI/EH in code where these features have been disabled
- some problematic things would include:
 - throwing exceptions that must propagate through code for which exception handling disabled (e.g., Clang libraries)
 - using `typeid` or `dynamic_cast` with types for which RTTI disabled
- probably advisable to build LLVM/Clang with RTTI/EH enabled if any other code is to be built with RTTI/EH enabled

- LLVM/Clang employs CMake-based build
- basic build and install of Clang can be performed using command sequence similar to:

```
cmake -H$src_dir/llvm -B$build_dir \  
  -DCMAKE_BUILD_TYPE=$build_type \  
  -DCMAKE_INSTALL_PREFIX=$install_dir \  
  -DLLVM_ENABLE_PROJECTS="clang;openmp"  
cmake --build $build_dir  
cmake --build $build_dir --target install
```

- usually some additional CMake options are needed or desirable
- for more information, see:

<https://llvm.org/docs/GettingStarted.html>

CMake Settings for Building Clang (1)

- `CMAKE_BUILD_TYPE`: specify type of build (e.g., `Debug`, `RelWithDebInfo`, or `Release`)
- `LLVM_ENABLE_PROJECTS`: semicolon-separated list of projects to be built (must at least include `clang`); some projects include:
 - `clang`: frontend for C/C++ family of languages
 - `clang-tools-extras`: various utilities such as `clang-format`, `clang-tidy`, and `clangd`
 - `lld`: LLVM linker
 - `lldb`: LLVM debugger
- `LLVM_ENABLE_RUNTIMES`: semicolon-separated list of runtimes to be built; run-times built using just-built compiler; some runtimes include:
 - `libcxx`: libc++ C++ standard library
 - `libcxxabi`: low-level support for libc++ C++ standard library
 - `libunwind`: stack-unwinding library
 - `compiler-rt`: compiler run-time support libraries (e.g., run-time libraries for code sanitizers such as `ASan`, `MSan`, and `TSan`)
- some components can be built as project or runtime (e.g., `openmp`)

CMake Settings for Building Clang (2)

- `LLVM_BUILD_LLVM_DYLIB`: boolean flag indicating if LLVM should be built as single shared library
- `LLVM_ENABLE_ASSERTIONS`: boolean flag indicating if assertions should be enabled
- `LLVM_ENABLE_RTTI`: boolean flag indicating if RTTI should be enabled
- `LLVM_ENABLE_EH`: boolean flag indicating if exception handling (EH) should be enabled
- `LVM_PARALLEL_COMPILE_JOBS`: specifies maximum number of parallel jobs for compiling
- `LVM_PARALLEL_LINK_JOBS`: specifies maximum number of parallel jobs for linking
- for more details, see:
 - <https://llvm.org/docs/CMake.html>

- use `install-distribution` target instead of `install`
- `LLVM_DISTRIBUTION_COMPONENTS`: specifies which software components to be included in distribution (e.g., `cmake-exports`, `LLVM`, `llvm-headers`)

- can use `sde_install_clang` script to facilitate easier installation of LLVM/Clang
- script will obtain specified release of LLVM/Clang from either Git repository or tarball and then build and install software
- `sde_install_clang` script can be obtained from following Git repository:
 - <https://github.com/mdadams/sde.git>
- invoking `sde_install_clang` with no command-line arguments will cause script to print help information and exit

- can query how LLVM was configured at time it was built using `llvm-config` program
- can query such things as:
 - LLVM build mode (e.g., Debug or Release)
 - whether LLVM was built with RTTI enabled
 - whether LLVM was built with assertions enabled
 - libraries needed to link against various LLVM components
 - installation directory for LLVM headers
- for example, to print build mode, RTTI setting, and assertion mode, use:
`llvm-config --build-mode --has-rtti --assertion-mode`
- for more information, see:
 - <https://llvm.org/docs/CommandGuide/llvm-config.html>

Section 2.2

Compiler Driver and Stages of Compilation

- compiler-driver programs, `clang` and `clang++`, responsible for performing various tasks associated with compilation (e.g., compiling, assembling, and linking)
- may perform task directly or by running another program
- determines what tasks (i.e., phases of processing) required
- runs programs needed to perform those tasks
- compiler driver can perform many tasks directly itself, which helps to avoid need to write data to file in order to pass it to next stage in compilation process

Example: Printing Compiler Phases

Command

```
clang++ -ccc-print-phases -c hello.cpp
```

Output (Standard Error)

```
+ 0: input, "hello.cpp", c++
+ 1: preprocessor, {0}, c++-cpp-output
+ 2: compiler, {1}, ir
+ 3: backend, {2}, assembler
4: assembler, {3}, object
```

Command

```
clang++ -ccc-print-phases hello.cpp
```

Output (Standard Error)

```
+ 0: input, "hello.cpp", c++
+ 1: preprocessor, {0}, c++-cpp-output
+ 2: compiler, {1}, ir
+ 3: backend, {2}, assembler
+ 4: assembler, {3}, object
5: linker, {4}, image
```

Example: Printing Tool Executions

Command

```
clang++ -### hello.cpp
```

Output (Standard Error)

```
clang version 13.0.0 (Fedora 13.0.0-3.fc35)
Target: x86_64-redhat-linux-gnu
Thread model: posix
InstalledDir: /usr/bin
"/usr/bin/clang-13" "-ccl" "-triple" "x86_64-redhat-linux-gnu" "-emit-obj" "-mrelax-all" "--mrelax-
↳ relocations" "-disable-free" "-disable-llvm-verifier" "-discard-value-names" "-main-file-name" "
↳ hello.cpp" "-mrelocation-model" "static" "-mframe-pointer=all" "-fmath-errno" "-fno-rounding-math"
↳ "-mconstructor-aliases" "-munwind-tables" "-target-cpu" "x86_64" "-tune-cpu" "generic" "-debugger-
↳ tuning=gdb" "-fcoverage-compilation-dir=/home/mdadams/work/git/clang_slides/software/
↳ llvm_clang_usage" "-resource-dir" "/usr/lib64/clang/13.0.0" "-internal-isystem" "/usr/bin/../lib/
↳ gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../include/c++/11" "-internal-isystem" "/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/
↳ x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../include/c++/11/x86_64-redhat-linux" "-internal-isystem" "/usr/
↳ bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../include/c++/11/backward" "-internal-isystem" "/
↳ usr/lib64/clang/13.0.0/include" "-internal-isystem" "/usr/local/include" "-internal-isystem" "/usr/
↳ bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../x86_64-redhat-linux/include" "-internal-externc-
↳ isystem" "/include" "-internal-externc-isystem" "/usr/include" "-fdeprecated-macro" "-fdebug-
↳ compilation-dir=/home/mdadams/work/git/clang_slides/software/llvm_clang_usage" "-ferror-limit" "19"
↳ "-fgnuc-version=4.2.1" "-fcxx-exceptions" "-fexceptions" "-faddrsig" "-D_GCC_HAVE_DWARF2_CFI_ASM
↳ =1" "-o" "/tmp/hello-96987e.o" "-x" "c++" "hello.cpp"
"/usr/bin/ld" "--hash-style=gnu" "--build-id" "--eh-frame-hdr" "-m" "elf_x86_64" "-dynamic-linker" "/lib64/
↳ ld-linux-x86-64.so.2" "-o" "a.out" "/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../lib64/
↳ crt1.o" "/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../lib64/crti.o" "/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/
↳ x86_64-redhat-linux/11/crtbegin.o" "-L/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11" "-L/usr/bin/../
↳ lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../lib64" "-L/lib/../lib64" "-L/usr/lib/../lib64" "-L/usr/
↳ bin/../lib" "-L/lib" "-L/usr/lib" "/tmp/hello-96987e.o" "-lstdc++" "-lm" "-lgcc_s" "-lgcc" "-lc" "-
↳ lgcc_s" "-lgcc" "/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/crtend.o" "/usr/bin/../lib/gcc/x86_64-
↳ redhat-linux/11/../../../../lib64/crtn.o"
```


Example: Source Code

simple_2.cpp

```
1 int factorial(int n) {  
2     int result = 1;  
3     while (n >= 2) {result *= n--;}  
4     return result;  
5 }
```

Example: Tokens

simple_2.cpp

```
1  int factorial(int n) {
2      int result = 1;
3      while (n >= 2) {result *= n--;}
4      return result;
5  }
```

Command

```
clang -std=c++20 -Xclang -dump-tokens -fsyntax-only simple_2.cpp
```

Output (Standard Error; Abridged)

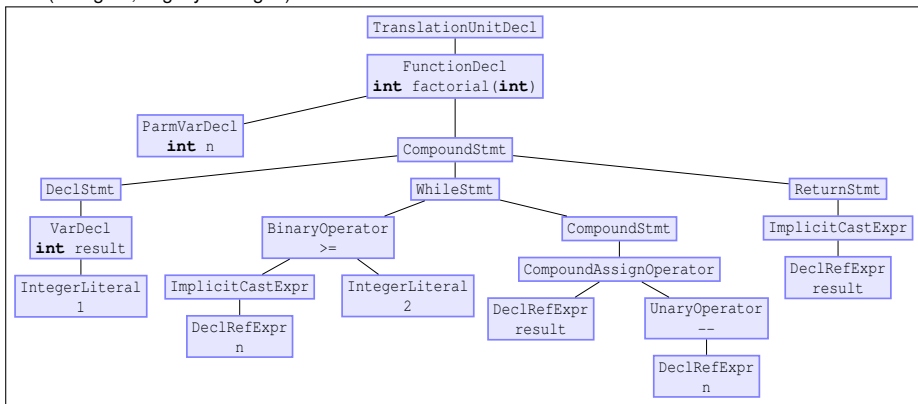
```
int 'int' [StartOfLine] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:1>
identifier 'factorial' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:5>
l_paren '(' Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:14>
int 'int' Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:15>
identifier 'n' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:19>
r_paren ')' Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:20>
l_brace '{' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:1:22>
int 'int' [StartOfLine] [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:2:2>
identifier 'result' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:2:6>
equal '=' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:2:13>
numeric_constant '1' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:2:15>
semi ';' Loc=<simple_2.cpp:2:16>
while 'while' [StartOfLine] [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:3:2>
l_paren '(' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:3:8>
identifier 'n' Loc=<simple_2.cpp:3:9>
greaterequal '>=' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:3:11>
numeric_constant '2' [LeadingSpace] Loc=<simple_2.cpp:3:14>
[text deleted]
eof '' Loc=<simple_2.cpp:5:2>
```

Example: AST [Graphical]

simple_2.cpp

```
1  int factorial(int n) {  
2    int result = 1;  
3    while (n >= 2) {result *= n--;}  
4    return result;  
5 }
```

AST (Clang 14; Slightly Abridged)



Example: AST [clang-check]

simple_2.cpp

```
1  int factorial(int n) {
2      int result = 1;
3      while (n >= 2) {result *= n--;}
4      return result;
5  }
```

Command

```
clang-check -ast-dump -ast-dump-filter=factorial simple_2.cpp -- -fno-color-diagnostics -std=c++20
```

Output (Clang 14; Standard Output)

```
Dumping factorial:
FunctionDecl 0x7825ea8 </home/mdadams/work/git/clang_slides/software/llvm_clang_usage/simple_2.cpp:1:1, line:5:1>
|-ParmVarDecl 0x7825db8 <col:15, col:19> col:19 used n 'int'
'-CompoundStmt 0x7826210 <col:22, line:5:1>
| -DeclStmt 0x7826078 <line:2:2, col:16>
| | '-VarDecl 0x7825fd8 <col:2, col:15> col:6 used result 'int' cinit
| | | '-IntegerLiteral 0x7826040 <col:15> 'int' 1
| | -WhileStmt 0x78261a8 <line:3:2, col:32>
| | | -BinaryOperator 0x78260e8 <col:9, col:14> 'bool' '>='
| | | | -ImplicitCastExpr 0x78260d0 <col:9> 'int' <LValueToRValue>
| | | | | '-DeclRefExpr 0x7826090 <col:9> 'int' lvalue ParmVar 0x7825db8 'n' 'int'
| | | | | '-IntegerLiteral 0x78260b0 <col:14> 'int' 2
| | | '-CompoundStmt 0x7826190 <col:17, col:32>
| | | | '-CompoundAssignOperator 0x7826160 <col:18, col:29> 'int' lvalue '*' ComputeLHSTy='int' ComputeResultTy='int'
| | | | | -DeclRefExpr 0x7826108 <col:18> 'int' lvalue Var 0x7825fd8 'result' 'int'
| | | | | '-UnaryOperator 0x7826148 <col:28, col:29> 'int' postfix '--'
| | | | | '-DeclRefExpr 0x7826128 <col:28> 'int' lvalue ParmVar 0x7825db8 'n' 'int'
| | -ReturnStmt 0x7826200 <line:4:2, col:9>
| | | -ImplicitCastExpr 0x78261e8 <col:9> 'int' <LValueToRValue>
| | | | -DeclRefExpr 0x78261c8 <col:9> 'int' lvalue Var 0x7825fd8 'result' 'int'
```

Example: AST [clang]

simple_2.cpp

```
1  int factorial(int n) {
2      int result = 1;
3      while (n >= 2) {result *= n--;}
4      return result;
5  }
```

Command

```
clang -std=c++20 -Xclang -ast-dump -fsyntax-only -fno-color-diagnostics simple_2.cpp
```

Output (Clang 14; Standard Output; Abridged)

```
TranslationUnitDecl 0x9d53738 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc>
|-TypeDefDecl 0x9d53fc0 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __int128_t '__int128'
| '-BuiltinType 0x9d53d00 '__int128'
|-TypeDefDecl 0x9d54038 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __uint128_t 'unsigned __int128'
| '-BuiltinType 0x9d53d20 'unsigned __int128'
|-TypeDefDecl 0x9d543f0 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __NSConstantString '__NSConstantString_tag'
| '-RecordType 0x9d54140 '__NSConstantString_tag'
| '-CXXRecord 0x9d54098 '__NSConstantString_tag'
|-TypeDefDecl 0x9d54498 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __builtin_ms_va_list 'char **'
| '-PointerType 0x9d54450 'char **'
| '-BuiltinType 0x9d537e0 'char'
|-TypeDefDecl 0x9d9e7b0 <<invalid sloc>> <invalid sloc> implicit __builtin_va_list '__va_list_tag[1]'
| '-ConstantArrayType 0x9d9e750 '__va_list_tag[1]' 1
| '-RecordType 0x9d545a0 '__va_list_tag'
| '-CXXRecord 0x9d544f8 '__va_list_tag'
'-FunctionDecl 0x9d9e918 <simple_2.cpp:1:1, line:5:1> line:1:5 factorial 'int (int)'
|-ParmVarDecl 0x9d9e828 <col:15, col:19> col:19 used n 'int'
'-CompoundStmt 0x9d9ec80 <col:22, line:5:1>
|-DeclStmt 0x9d9eae8 <line:2:2, col:16>
| '-VarDecl 0x9d9ea48 <col:2, col:15> col:6 used result 'int' cinit
[text deleted]
```

Example: IR

Command

```
clang++ -O0 -S -emit-llvm -o simple_2.ll -Xclang -disable-O0-optnone simple_2.cpp
```

LLVM IR (simple_2.ll)

```
1 ; ModuleID = 'simple_2.cpp'
2 source_filename = "simple_2.cpp"
3 target datalayout = "e-m:e-p270:32:32-p271:32:32-p272:64:64-i64:64-f80:128-n8:16:32:64-S128"
4 target triple = "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu"
5
6 ; Function Attrs: mustprogress noline nounwind uwtable
7 define dso_local noundef i32 @_Z9factoriali(i32 noundef %0) #0 {
8     %2 = alloca i32, align 4
9     %3 = alloca i32, align 4
10    store i32 %0, i32* %2, align 4
11    store i32 1, i32* %3, align 4
12    br label %4
13 4:
14    %5 = load i32, i32* %2, align 4           ; preds = %7, %1
15    %6 = icmp sge i32 %5, 2
16    br i1 %6, label %7, label %12
17 7:
18    %8 = load i32, i32* %2, align 4           ; preds = %4
19    %9 = add nsw i32 %8, -1
20    store i32 %9, i32* %2, align 4
21    %10 = load i32, i32* %3, align 4
22    %11 = mul nsw i32 %10, %8
23    store i32 %11, i32* %3, align 4
24    br label %4, !llvm.loop !4
25 12:
26    %13 = load i32, i32* %3, align 4         ; preds = %4
27    ret i32 %13
28 }
29
30 ; [text deleted]
```

Example: Optimized IR

Command

```
clang++ -O1 -S -emit-llvm -o simple_2-opt.ll simple_2.cpp
```

LLVM Optimized IR (simple_2-opt.ll)

```
1 ; ModuleID = 'simple_2.cpp'
2 source_filename = "simple_2.cpp"
3 target datalayout = "e-m:e-p270:32:32-p271:32:32-p272:64:64-i64:64-f80:128-n8:16:32:64-S128"
4 target triple = "x86_64-unknown-linux-gnu"
5
6 ; Function Attrs: mustprogress nofree norecurse nosync nounwind readnone uwtable willreturn
7 define dso_local noundef i32 @_Z9factoriali(i32 noundef %0) local_unnamed_addr #0 {
8     %2 = icmp sgt i32 %0, 1
9     br i1 %2, label %3, label %9
10 3:                                     ; preds = %1, %3
11     %4 = phi i32 [ %7, %3 ], [ 1, %1 ]
12     %5 = phi i32 [ %6, %3 ], [ %0, %1 ]
13     %6 = add nsw i32 %5, -1
14     %7 = mul nsw i32 %4, %5
15     %8 = icmp sgt i32 %5, 2
16     br i1 %8, label %3, label %9, !llvm.loop !3
17 9:                                     ; preds = %3, %1
18     %10 = phi i32 [ 1, %1 ], [ %7, %3 ]
19     ret i32 %10
20 }
21
22 attributes #0 = { mustprogress nofree norecurse nosync nounwind readnone uwtable willreturn "frame-pointer"="="}
23
24 !llvm.module.flags = !{!0, !1}
25 !llvm.ident = !{!2}
26
27 !0 = !{i32 1, !"wchar_size", i32 4}
28 !1 = !{i32 7, !"uwtable", i32 1}
29 !2 = !{!"clang version 14.0.1"}
30 !3 = distinct !{!3, !4, !5}
31 !4 = !{!"llvm.loop.mustprogress"}
32 !5 = !{!"llvm.loop.unroll.disable"}
```

Example: x86-64 Assembly Code

Command

```
clang++ -S simple_2.cpp
```

x86-64 Assembly Code (Abridged; simple_2.s)

```
1      .text
2      .file "simple_2.cpp"
3      .globl _Z9factoriali                # -- Begin function _Z9factoriali
4      .p2align 4, 0x90
5      .type _Z9factoriali,@function
6      _Z9factoriali:                      # @_Z9factoriali
7      .cfi_startproc
8      # %bb.0:
9      pushq %rbp
10     .cfi_def_cfa_offset 16
11     .cfi_offset %rbp, -16
12     movq %rsp, %rbp
13     .cfi_def_cfa_register %rbp
14     movl %edi, -4(%rbp)
15     movl $1, -8(%rbp)
16     .LBB0_1:                              # =>This Inner Loop Header: Depth=1
17     cmpl $2, -4(%rbp)
18     jle .LBB0_3
19     # %bb.2:                                # in Loop: Header=BB0_1 Depth=1
20     movl -4(%rbp), %eax
21     movl %eax, %ecx
22     addl $-1, %ecx
23     movl %ecx, -4(%rbp)
24     imull -8(%rbp), %eax
25     movl %eax, -8(%rbp)
26     jmp .LBB0_1
27     .LBB0_3:
28     movl -8(%rbp), %eax
29     popq %rbp
30     .cfi_def_cfa %rsp, 8
31     retq
32     # [text deleted]
```


Example: Optimized x86-64 Assembly Code

Command

```
clang++ -O1 -S -o simple_2-opt.s simple_2.cpp
```

Optimized x86-64 Assembly Code (simple_2-opt.s)

```
1  .text
2  .file "simple_2.cpp"
3  .globl _Z9factoriali          # -- Begin function _Z9factoriali
4  .p2align 4, 0x90
5  .type _Z9factoriali,@function
6  _Z9factoriali:                # @_Z9factoriali
7  .cfi_startproc
8  # %bb.0:
9                                # kill: def $edi killed $edi def $rdi
10     movl $1, %eax
11     cmpl $2, %edi
12     jl .LBB0_3
13 # %bb.1:
14     movl $1, %eax
15     .p2align 4, 0x90
16 .LBB0_2:                        # =>This Inner Loop Header: Depth=1
17     imull %edi, %eax
18     leal -1(%rdi), %ecx
19     cmpl $2, %edi
20     movl %ecx, %edi
21     jg .LBB0_2
22 .LBB0_3:
23     retq
24 .Lfunc_end0:
25     .size _Z9factoriali, .Lfunc_end0-_Z9factoriali
26     .cfi_endproc
27                                # -- End function
28     .ident "clang version 14.0.1"
29     .section ".note.GNU-stack","",@progbits
30     .addrsig
```

Example: Name Demangling

Command (With Mangled Names as Arguments to `llvm-cxxfilt`)

```
llvm-cxxfilt _Z9factoriali
```

Output

```
factorial(int)
```

Command (Run `llvm-cxxfilt` as Filter)

```
echo "_Z9factoriali _Z9factoriali" | llvm-cxxfilt
```

Output

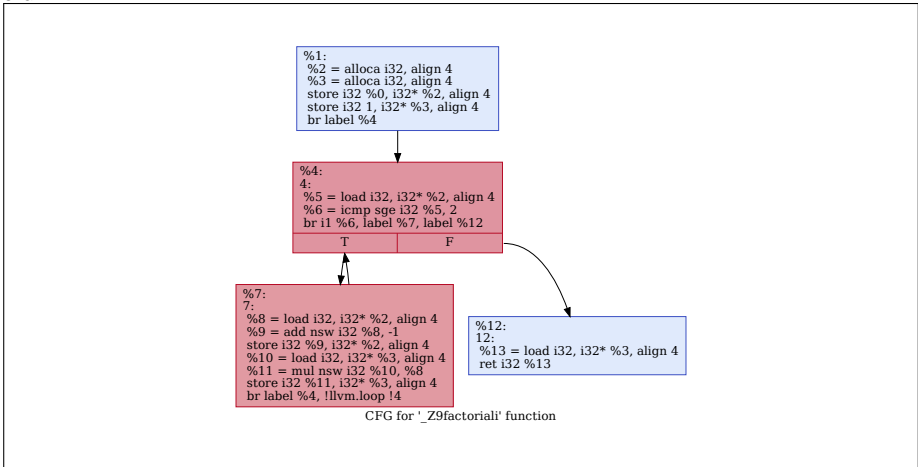
```
factorial(int) factorial(int)
```

Example: CFG for Unoptimized Code

Command

```
clang++ -O0 -S -emit-llvm -o simple_2.ll -Xclang -disable-O0-optnone simple_2.cpp  
opt -dot-cfg -cfg-func-name=_Z9factoriali -cfg-dot-filename-prefix \  
dot-simple_2- simple_2.ll > /dev/null
```

CFG

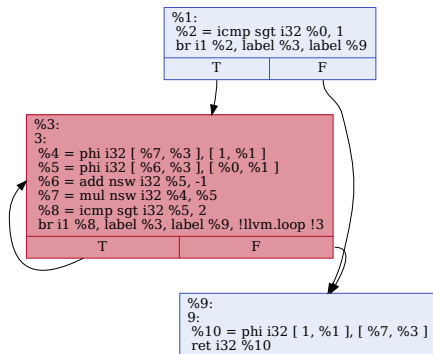


Example: CFG for Optimized Code

Command

```
clang++ -O1 -S -emit-llvm -o simple_2-opt.ll simple_2.cpp  
opt -dot-cfg -cfg-func-name=_Z9factoriali -cfg-dot-filename-prefix \  
dot-simple_2-opt- simple_2-opt.ll > /dev/null
```

CFG



Part 3

LLVM and Clang Libraries

- core LLVM libraries provide base-level functionality (i.e., framework) with which frontends, middle-ends, backends, and other tools can be constructed
- written in C++
- code in `llvm` namespace and child namespaces

Comments on LLVM Base Library Functionality

- `llvm::raw_ostream`: fully-buffered output stream (which does not support seeking)
- `llvm::outs`: instance of `llvm::raw_ostream` for normal output from program (similar to `std::cout`)
- `llvm::errs`: instance of `llvm::raw_ostream` for error output from program (similar to `std::cerr`)
- `llvm::StringRef`: immutable non-owning reference to string (similar in spirit to `std::string_view`)
- `llvm::Expected`: tagged union holding either some expected type or error in form of `llvm::Error`
- `llvm::ErrorOr`: holds either error in form of `std::error_code` or some other type

- `llvm::isa<>` returns bool indicating if reference/pointer refers to instance of specified class
- `llvm::cast<>` operator converts pointer/reference from base to derived class causing assertion if object not instance of derived type
- `llvm::dyn_cast<>` operator checks if operand of specified type and if so returns pointer to it (with that type); otherwise returns null pointer
- for more details, see:
 - <https://llvm.org/docs/ProgrammersManual.html#the-isa-cast-and-dyn-cast-templates>

- Clang is very modular and mostly structured as collection of libraries
- Clang libraries (mostly) written in C++
- for most practical purposes, can simply think of Clang as one large C++ library
- when linking, however, reality is Clang code split across number of libraries
- LibClang provides C library API to access limited subset of Clang functionality

- C library
- functionality provided includes:
 - parsing source code into AST
 - loading already-parsed ASTs
 - traversing ASTs
 - annotating source locations with elements within AST
- does not provide access to all information in Clang AST
- API intended to be relatively stable from one release to next
- intended to provide only basic functionality needed to support development tools
- data types prefixed with “CX” and functions prefixed with “clang_”
- access to AST through high-level abstractions
- for details on API, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/group__CINDEX.html

- C++ library
- provides much richer set of functionality relative to LibClang
- Clang library that provides functionality for utilizing parts of Clang in standalone tools or Clang compiler plugins
- provides convenient way to invoke compiler frontend on source code
- provides support for compilation databases
- easily integrates with code using CommandLine Library for processing of command-line arguments
- code in `clang::tooling` namespace
- does not have stable API

Clang Include Directory (1)

- Clang include directory contains numerous low-level headers such as `stddef.h`, `stdint.h`, and `limits.h`
- pathname of Clang include directory depends on how Clang installed, but typically looks something like `$INSTALL_PREFIX/lib/clang/$VERSION/include`, where `$INSTALL_PREFIX` install directory for Clang and `$VERSION` is version of Clang (e.g., 15.0.0)
- compiler driver programs (i.e., `clang` and `clang++`) configured with header search path that includes Clang include directory
- Clang libraries themselves *not preconfigured* with Clang include directory in header search path
- if Clang include directory not included in header search path used by Clang libraries, often *many compiler errors will arise* due to missing headers

Clang Include Directory (2)

- Clang libraries assume Clang include directory has pathname `../$lib/clang/$VERSION/include` relative to pathname of running program where `$lib` is typically either `lib` or `lib64`
- this will only result in correct path if program installed in `bin` directory of Clang installation
- typically, user will not place program in this directory so extra directory must be added to header search path when compiling using Clang library (via compiler option)
- programs that employ standard Clang tool command-line interface (via `clang::tooling::CommonOptionsParser`) have `-extra-arg` option that can be used to pass extra options to compiler
- for example, use option `-extra-arg=-I$DIR` to add `$DIR` to header search path

Section 3.1

Command-Line Processing

Command-Line Processing

- LLVM provides CommandLine Library for processing command-line options and arguments
- uses namespace `llvm::cl`
- handles options as well as positional arguments
- option may have arguments
- parses and extracts arguments into variables
- can specify help information for each option as well as general help information
- LLVM CommandLine Library may be more convenient to use than other alternatives such as `getopt` or Boost Program Options Library
- for more details, see:
 - <https://llvm.org/docs/CommandLine.html>

Command-Line Processing Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/command_line` directory in companion repository
- processes command-line arguments and prints result obtained
- uses LLVM CommandLine Library and Clang Tooling Library
`clang::tooling::CommonOptionsParser`
- several options are supported:
 - `-verbose`
 - `-v`
 - `-o`
 - `-foobar`
- one positional parameter is required
- zero or more additional positional parameters are permitted
- example program output:

```
verbose false
foobar false
operation test
output file (null)
number of compilation database entries: 1
source paths:
  a.cpp
```


Command-Line Processing Example (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <string>
3  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
4  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
5  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
6  #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
7
8  using namespace std::literals;
9
10 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptionCat("Tool Options");
11 static llvm::cl::extrahelp
12     CommonHelp(clang::tooling::CommonOptionsParser::HelpMessage);
13 static llvm::cl::extrahelp MoreHelp(
14     "This tool does not actually do anything useful.\n"
15     "Life is full of disappointments. Get over it.\n"
16 );
17 llvm::cl::opt<std::string> outFile(
18     "o", llvm::cl::desc("Output file"), llvm::cl::value_desc("output_file"),
19     llvm::cl::cat(toolOptionCat));
20 llvm::cl::opt<bool> verbose("verbose",
21     llvm::cl::desc("Enable verbose output."), llvm::cl::cat(toolOptionCat));
22 llvm::cl::alias verbose2("v", llvm::cl::desc("Alias for -verbose"),
23     llvm::cl::aliasopt(verbose));
24 llvm::cl::opt<bool> foobar("foobar",
25     llvm::cl::desc("Enable experimental features."), llvm::cl::Hidden);
26 llvm::cl::opt<std::string> opName(llvm::cl::Positional, llvm::cl::Required,
27     llvm::cl::desc("Operation to perform."),
28     llvm::cl::value_desc("op_name"), llvm::cl::cat(toolOptionCat));
```

Command-Line Processing Example (2)

```
30 int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
31     llvm::Expected<clang::tooling::CommonOptionsParser> expectedOptionsParser(
32         clang::tooling::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc, argv, toolOptionCat));
33     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
34         llvm::errs() << std::format("Unable to create option parser ({}).\n",
35             llvm::toString(std::move(expectedOptionsParser.takeError())));
36         return 1;
37     }
38     clang::tooling::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
39     llvm::outs()
40         << std::format("verbose {}\n", verbose)
41         << std::format("foobar {}\n", foobar)
42         << std::format("operation {}\n",
43             !opName.empty() ? opName : "(null)"s)
44         << std::format("output file {}\n",
45             !outFile.empty() ? outFile : "(null)"s);
46     llvm::outs() << std::format("number of compilation database entries: {}\n",
47         optionsParser.getCompilations().getAllCompileCommands().size());
48     llvm::outs() << "source paths:\n";
49     for (auto path : optionsParser.getSourcePathList()) {
50         llvm::outs() << std::format("{}\n", path);
51     }
52     return 0;
53 }
```

Section 3.2

Compilation Databases

Compilation Databases

- when running compiler frontend, must specify appropriate options to use for compiler invocations
- **compilation database** specifies which options are used for each source file being built
- Clang provides API for compilation database through base class `clang::tooling::CompilationDatabase`
- several classes derive from this base class in order to provide various kinds of compilation databases
- also provides adapter class that can be used to transform information stored in compilation databases in various ways (e.g., by applying transformations to compiler flags)
- compilation database can have more than one entry for particular source file, since source file could be compiled more than once with different options each time (e.g., non-production and production builds)

CompilationDatabase Class

- `clang::tooling::CompilationDatabase` base class provides basic API for compilation databases
- some key methods:
 - `getCompileCommands`: returns all compile commands in which specified source file is compiled
 - `getAllFiles`: return list of all source files in compilation database
 - `getAllCompileCommands`: returns all compile commands for all source files in compilation database
- several factory functions for `CompilationDatabase` objects:
 - `loadFromDirectory`: load compilation database from build directory (currently, only looks for `compile_commands.json`)
 - `autoDetectFromSource`: looks for compilation database in directory containing specified source file and each of its successive parents and loads first one found
 - `autoDetectFromDirectory`: looks for compilation database in specified directory and each of its successive parents and loads first one found
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1tooling_1_1CompilationDatabase.html

- compilation databases often represented using JavaScript Object Notation (JSON) format
- root JSON object is array
- each array element can have following fields:
 - `directory`: working directory for running compilation command
 - `file`: source file processed
 - `arguments`: compile command argument vector
 - `command`: compile command string (single shell-escaped string)
 - `output`: name of output created
- either `arguments` or `command` is required
- some build tools can generate JSON compilation databases (e.g., CMake)
- for more information, see:
 - <https://clang.llvm.org/docs/JSONCompilationDatabase.html>

Generating JSON Compilation Database With CMake

- CMake can generate JSON compilation database
- CMake variable `CMAKE_EXPORT_COMPILE_COMMANDS` has boolean value that specifies if compilation database should be generated
- compilation-database file named `compile_commands.json`
- placed in (top-level) binary directory for CMake build
- for example, use command like:

```
cmake -H$src_dir -B$bin_dir -DCMAKE_EXPORT_COMPILE_COMMANDS=1
```

JSON Compilation Database Example

```
[
  {
    "arguments" : [
      "/usr/bin/clang++",
      "-Irelative",
      "-DGREET=Hello, World!\\n",
      "-c",
      "-o",
      "file.o",
      "file.cpp"
    ],
    "directory" : "/home/user/llvm/build",
    "file" : "file.cpp"
  },
  {
    "command" : "/usr/bin/clang++ -Irelative -DGREET=\"Hello, World!\\\\\\n\" -c -o file.o file.cpp",
    "directory" : "/home/user/llvm/build",
    "file" : "file2.cpp"
  }
]
```


JSONCompilationDatabase Class

- `clang::tooling::JSONCompilationDatabase` inherits from `CompilationDatabase` **base class**
- provides flavor of compilation database that is associated with JSON compilation database
- provides overrides for virtual functions associated with `CompilationDatabase` appropriate for JSON compilation database
- **factory functions:**
 - `loadFromFile`: loads JSON compilation database from specified file
 - `loadFromBuffer`: loads JSON compilation database from buffer
- **for more information, see:**
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1tooling_1_1JSONCompilationDatabase.html

JSON Compilation Database Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/compilation_database` directory in companion repository
- loads JSON compilation database from specified file
- queries compilation database for each source file specified
- example program output:

```
/home/user/llvm/build/file2.cpp
/home/user/llvm/build/file.cpp
command:
  filename: file.cpp
  directory: /home/user/llvm/build
  command line: /usr/bin/clang++ -Irelative -DGREET=Hello, World!\n -c -o file.o file.
               ↪ cpp
  no output
  no heuristic
command:
  filename: file2.cpp
  directory: /home/user/llvm/build
  command line: /usr/bin/clang++ -Irelative -DGREET=Hello, World!\n -c -o file.o file.
               ↪ cpp
  no output
  no heuristic
```

JSON Compilation Database Example: json.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <utility>
3  #include "clang/Tooling/CompilationDatabase.h"
4  #include "clang/Tooling/JSONCompilationDatabase.h"
5  #include "utility.hpp"
6
7  namespace ct = clang::tooling;
8
9  int main(int argc, char** argv) {
10     std::string errString;
11     if (argc < 2) {
12         llvm::errs() << "no JSON compilation database specified\n";
13         return 1;
14     }
15     std::string pathname = argv[1];
16     std::unique_ptr<ct::CompilationDatabase> compDatabase;
17     compDatabase = ct::JSONCompilationDatabase::loadFromFile(pathname,
18         errString, ct::JSONCommandLineSyntax::AutoDetect);
19     if (!compDatabase) {
20         llvm::errs() << std::format("ERROR: {}\n", errString);
21         return 1;
22     }
23     std::vector<std::string> sourcePaths = compDatabase->getAllFiles();
24     for (const auto& sourcePath : sourcePaths) {
25         llvm::outs() << std::format("{}\n", sourcePath);
26     }
```

```
27     std::vector<ct::CompileCommand> compCommands =
28         compDatabase->getAllCompileCommands();
29     printCompCommands(llvm::outs(), compCommands);
30     for (int i = 2; i < argc; ++i) {
31         std::vector<ct::CompileCommand> compCommands =
32             compDatabase->getCompileCommands(argv[i]);
33         printCompCommands(llvm::outs(), compCommands);
34     }
35     return 0;
36 }
```

```
1 #include <vector>
2 #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
3
4 bool printCompCommands(llvm::raw_fd_ostream& out,
5     const std::vector<clang::tooling::CompileCommand>& compCommands);
```

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include "clang/Tooling/CompilationDatabase.h"
4  #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
5  #include "utility.hpp"
6
7  namespace ct = clang::tooling;
8
9  bool printCompCommands(llvm::raw_fd_ostream& out,
10     const std::vector<ct::CompileCommand>& compCommands) {
11     for (auto compCommand = compCommands.begin();
12         compCommand != compCommands.end(); ++compCommand) {
13         out << "command:\n"
14             << std::format(" filename: {}\n", compCommand->Filename)
15             << std::format(" directory: {}\n", compCommand->Directory);
16         out << " command line:";
17         for (auto word : compCommand->CommandLine) {out << " " << word;}
18         out << '\n';
19         if (!compCommand->Output.empty()) {
20             out << " output: " << compCommand->Output << '\n';
21         } else {
22             out << " no output\n";
23         }
24         if (!compCommand->Heuristic.empty()) {
25             out << " heuristic: " << compCommand->Heuristic << '\n';
26         } else {
27             out << " no heuristic\n";
28         }
29     }
30     return !out.has_error();
31 }
```

Fixed Compilation Database

- Clang supports notion of fixed compilation database
- every source file compiled with identical flags
- command-line arguments specified one per line
- intended for use with very simple projects
- does not identify source files to be built
- only specifies compiler options
- not possible to query source files
- not possible to query all compile commands for all source files

Fixed Compilation Database Example

compile_flags.txt

```
-DGREETING="Hello, World!"  
-DANSWER=42  
-g  
-O2  
-I  
/usr/local/libfoo/include
```


FixedCompilationDatabase Class

- `clang::tooling::FixedCompilationDatabase` class inherits from `CompilationDatabase` base class
- provides flavor of compilation database that is associated with fixed compilation database
- overrides virtual functions from `CompilationDatabase` base class
- some functions have trivial behavior since fixed database cannot provide full functionality of `CompilationDatabase` API (e.g., `getAllFiles` and `getAllCompileCommands`)
- factory functions:
 - `loadFromCommandLine`: parses command-line arguments and generates fixed database based on those arguments
 - `loadFromFile`: reads flags one per line from file
 - `loadFromBuffer`: reads flags one per line from buffer
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1tooling_1_1FixedCompilationDatabase.html

Fixed Compilation Database Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/compilation_database` directory in companion repository
- loads fixed compilation database from specified file
- queries compilation database for each source file specified
- example program output:

```
command:
  filename: hello.cpp
  directory: ./data
  command line: /home/jdoe/build/clang-tool -DGREETING="Hello, World!" -DANSWER=42 -g
                ↪ -O2 -I /usr/local/libfoo/include hello.cpp
  no output
  no heuristic
command:
  filename: goodbye.cpp
  directory: ./data
  command line: /home/jdoe/build/clang-tool -DGREETING="Hello, World!" -DANSWER=42 -g
                ↪ -O2 -I /usr/local/libfoo/include goodbye.cpp
  no output
  no heuristic
```

Fixed Compilation Database Example: `fixed.cpp` (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <utility>
3  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
4  #include "clang/Tooling/CompilationDatabase.h"
5  #include "llvm/Config/llvm-config.h"
6  #include "utility.hpp"
7
8  namespace ct = clang::tooling;
9
10 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
11     if (argc < 2) {
12         llvm::errs() << "no fixed database specified\n";
13         return 1;
14     }
15     std::string pathname(argv[1]);
16     std::string errString;
17     std::unique_ptr<ct::CompilationDatabase> compDatabase;
18     compDatabase = ct::FixedCompilationDatabase::loadFromFile(pathname,
19         errString);
20     if (!compDatabase) {
21         llvm::errs() << std::format("ERROR: {}\n", errString);
22         return 1;
23     }
24     std::vector<std::string> sourcePaths = compDatabase->getAllFiles();
25     for (const auto& sourcePath : sourcePaths) {
26         llvm::outs() << std::format("{}\n", sourcePath);
27     }
```

```
28     std::vector<ct::CompileCommand> compCommands =
29         compDatabase->getAllCompileCommands();
30     printCompCommands(llvm::outs(), compCommands);
31     for (int i = 2; i < argc; ++i) {
32         std::vector<ct::CompileCommand> compCommands =
33             compDatabase->getCompileCommands(argv[i]);
34         printCompCommands(llvm::outs(), compCommands);
35     }
36     return 0;
37 }
```

- clang::tooling::ArgumentsAdjuster is type of callable (i.e., function/functor) that manipulates command-line arguments
- intended to be used with compilation databases to apply transformations to compiler flags
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/namespaceclang_1_1tooling.html#a8dcb3e0419f4f8de952b46ad1c627f68

ArgumentsAdjustingCompilations Class

- `clang::tooling::ArgumentsAdjustingCompilations` class inherits from `CompilationDatabase` base class
- `ArgumentsAdjustingCompilations` provides wrapper around existing compilation database that allow transformations to be applied to compiler flags
- provides method `appendArgumentsAdjuster` that allows `ArgumentsAdjuster` to be applied to commands in compilation database
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1tooling_1_1ArgumentsAdjustingCompilations.html

Argument Adjuster Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/compilation_database` directory in companion repository
- loads compilation database from specified source
- optionally applies arguments adjuster to compilation database
- queries compilation database for each source file specified
- example program output:

```
command:  
  filename: hello.cpp  
  directory: ./data  
  command line: /home/jdoe/build/clang-tool -DGREETING="Hello, World!" -DANSWER=42 -g  
               ↪ -O2 -I /usr/local/libfoo/include hello.cpp  
  no output  
  no heuristic
```

Argument Adjuster Example: `adjuster.cpp` (1)

```
1 #include <format>
2 #include <utility>
3 #include <unistd.h>
4 #include "clang/Tooling/ArgumentsAdjusters.h"
5 #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
6 #include "clang/Tooling/CompilationDatabase.h"
7 #include "clang/Tooling/JSONCompilationDatabase.h"
8 #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
9 #include "llvm/Config/llvm-config.h"
10 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
11 #include "llvm/Support/Signals.h"
12 #include "utility.hpp"
13
14 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
15
16 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
17     int json = -1;
18     std::string pathname;
19     int adjust = 0;
20     for (int c; (c = getopt(argc, argv, "a:j:f:")) >= 0;) {
21         switch (c) {
22             case 'a':
23                 adjust = std::atoi(optarg);
24                 break;
25             case 'j':
26                 pathname = optarg;
27                 json = 1;
28                 break;
29             case 'f':
30                 pathname = optarg;
31                 json = 0;
32                 break;
33         }
34     }
35     if (json != 0 && json != 1) {
36         llvm::errs() << "ERROR: no compilation database specified\n";
37         return 1;
38     }
39 }
```


Argument Adjuster Example: `adjuster.cpp` (2)

```
39  std::string errString;
40  std::unique_ptr<ct::CompilationDatabase> compDatabase;
41  switch (json) {
42  case 0:
43      compDatabase = ct::FixedCompilationDatabase::loadFromFile(pathname,
44          errString);
45      break;
46  case 1:
47      compDatabase = ct::JSONCompilationDatabase::loadFromFile(pathname,
48          errString, ct::JSONCommandLineSyntax::AutoDetect);
49      break;
50  }
51  if (!compDatabase) {
52      llvm::errs() << std::format("ERROR: {}\n", errString);
53      return 1;
54  }
55  compDatabase = std::make_unique<ct::ArgumentsAdjustingCompilations>(
56      std::move(compDatabase));
57  auto aac = static_cast<ct::ArgumentsAdjustingCompilations*>(
58      compDatabase.get());
59  switch (adjust) {
60  case 1:
61      aac->appendArgumentsAdjuster(ct::getClangSyntaxOnlyAdjuster());
62      break;
63  case 2:
64      aac->appendArgumentsAdjuster(ct::getInsertArgumentAdjuster("-DFOO",
65          ct::ArgumentInsertPosition::BEGIN));
66      break;
67  }
```

Argument Adjuster Example: `adjuster.cpp` (3)

```
68     std::vector<std::string> sourcePaths = compDatabase->getAllFiles();
69     for (const auto& sourcePath : sourcePaths) {
70         llvm::outs() << std::format("{}\n", sourcePath);
71     }
72     std::vector<ct::CompileCommand> compCommands =
73         compDatabase->getAllCompileCommands();
74     printCompCommands(llvm::outs(), compCommands);
75     for (; optind < argc; ++optind) {
76         std::vector<ct::CompileCommand> compCommands =
77             compDatabase->getCompileCommands(argv[optind]);
78         printCompCommands(llvm::outs(), compCommands);
79     }
80     return 0;
81 }
```

Section 3.3

ASTs

- four kinds of AST nodes:
 - 1 Type: used to represent type
(https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1Type.html)
 - 2 Decl: used to represent declaration
(https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1Decl.html)
 - 3 Stmt: used to represent statement
(https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1Stmt.html)
 - 4 Expr: used to represent expression
(https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1Expr.html)
- Expr derives from Stmt (since expression can be viewed as statement that yields value)
- each of Type, Decl, Stmt, and Expr has many subclasses
- AST node types in clang namespace (e.g., clang::Decl and clang::Stmt)
- AST does not have common base node type
- this make tree traversal more difficult

- nodes with type `Type` or types derived therefrom used to represent types
- some examples of types derived from `Type`:
 - `BuiltinType`
 - `PointerType`
 - `ArrayType`
 - `RecordType`
 - `FunctionType`

- `Decl` type nodes used to represent various kinds of declarations, including declarations of:
 - variables and data members
 - (member and non-member) functions
 - parameters of (member and non-member) functions and templates
 - classes and structs
- different kinds of declarations represented by various subclasses of `Decl`
- some examples of types derived from `Decl` include:
 - `TranslationUnitDecl`: translation unit
 - `NamedDecl`: declaration that may have name
 - `VarDecl`: variable declaration
 - `ParmVarDecl`: declaration of function parameter
 - `FunctionDecl`: function declaration
 - `CxxMethodDecl`: declaration of static or non-static method of struct/union/class
 - `CxxRecordDecl`: declaration of C++ struct/union/class
 - `DeclaratorDecl`: declaration that uses declarator (e.g., type-and-qualifier name)
 - `ValueDecl`: declaration for which declared instance can be value

Stmt and Expr Nodes

- most directives in program that correspond to actions can be classified as statements
- statements represented by `Stmt` class and subclasses thereof
- some examples of subclasses of `Stmt` class include:
 - `CompoundStmt` used to represent compound statements
 - `IfStmt` used to represent **if** statements
 - `SwitchStmt` used to represent **switch** statements
 - `ForStmt` used to represent **for** loops
 - `WhileStmt` used to represent **while** statements
- compound statement represents collection of multiple statements
- expressions are special kinds of statements that generate values (e.g., result of operator, such as function call operator)
- expressions represented by `Expr` class and subclasses thereof
- some examples of subclasses of `Expr` class include:
 - `DeclRefExpr` used to represent reference to symbol
 - `CallExpr` used to represent function call operator

Section 3.4

Frontend Actions

- **frontend action**: task to be performed with help of compiler frontend
- create frontend-action class that embodies particular task to be performed by compiler frontend
- frontend-action class needs to derive from some appropriate class in Clang libraries (namely, subclass of `clang::FrontendAction` to be introduced shortly)
- create frontend-action factory class that can generate frontend action instances
- herein, “frontend-action class” refers to any frontend-action type, whereas “`FrontendAction`” refers to specific type in Clang libraries

Using Frontend Actions

- construct `ClangTool` object, specifying desired compilation database and list of source files to process
- invoke `run` member function of `ClangTool` object to specify frontend-action factory associated with frontend action to be performed
- for each source file to be processed, `run` member function will create compiler instance and use frontend-action factory to create corresponding frontend-action object
- at appropriate points in time, member functions of frontend-action class instance will be invoked to perform various types of processing associated with frontend action

- `clang::tooling::ClangTool` class provides convenient way to run frontend action over set of source files
- constructed by specifying compilation database and list of source paths
- `run` method executes frontend action on each source file associated with `ClangTool` object
- by default modifies command-line arguments (via `ClangSyntaxOnlyAdjuster`) to syntax-check-only variant (i.e., no generation of IR)
- can supply additional command-line arguments adjusters by using `ClangTool::appendArgumentsAdjuster`
- can control how diagnostics handled via diagnostics-consumer type by using `ClangTool::setDiagnosticConsumer`
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1tooling_1_1ClangTool.html

clang::FrontendAction Class

- `clang::FrontendAction` abstract base class provides means to perform user-specified processing in compiler frontend via callbacks
- `FrontendAction` instance can be thought of as single task running inside compiler frontend
- provides callbacks to be invoked at specific points in processing performed by frontend
- some callbacks provided include:
 - `BeginSourceFileAction`: invoked just before starting processing of source file
 - `EndSourceFileAction`: invoked just after finishing processing of source file
 - `ExecuteAction`: performs main task for frontend action
 - `CreateASTConsumer`: factory function used to create instance of `ASTConsumer`, which provides callbacks to be invoked at particular points in processing of AST
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1FrontendAction.html

- in order to perform frontend action, library user defines frontend-action class, which derives from appropriate frontend-action class in library
- need to provide override of `CreateASTConsumer`
- this function creates AST consumer for particular translation unit to be processed
- invoked for each translation unit encountered
- implementation of `CreateASTConsumer` constructs AST-consumer object owned by `unique_ptr` and then returns this `unique_ptr`

clang::FrontendActionFactory Class

- `clang::tooling::FrontendActionFactory` class used to create instances of frontend-action type
- invokes compiler with frontend action
- provides interface for generating frontend action instances
- provides pure virtual function `create` for obtaining new frontend action instance
- can be used by `ClangTool` to generate frontend action instance for each translation unit to be processed
- if frontend-action class is default constructible, can use `clang::tooling::newFrontendActionFactory` function as factory
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1tooling_1_1FrontendActionFactory.html

- in `slides/examples/frontend_action` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on each source file specified on command line
- performs only syntax checking (i.e., generates AST and then semantically verifies it)
- output resembles something like:

```
/home/jdoe/invalid_1.cpp:3:9: error: use of undeclared identifier 'forty_two'  
    return forty_two;  
           ^  
1 error generated.  
Error while processing /home/jdoe/invalid_1.cpp.  
error detected
```

ClangTool Example

```
1  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
2  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
3  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
4  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
5  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
6
7  namespace ct = clang::tooling;
8
9  static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
10
11 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
12     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
13     const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
14     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
15         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError());
16         return 1;
17     }
18     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
19     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
20     optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
21     int status = tool.run(
22     ct::newFrontendActionFactory<clang::SyntaxOnlyAction>().get());
23     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
24     return !status ? 0 : 1;
25 }
```


- `clang::CompilerInstance` class used to manage single instance of Clang compiler
- manages various objects which are necessary to run compiler (e.g., preprocessor, target information, and AST context)
- provides utility routines for constructing and manipulating common Clang objects
- associated with `FileManager`, `SourceManager`, `DiagnosticsEngine`, `Preprocessor`, `ASTContext`, and `ASTConsumer`
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CompilerInstance.html

Section 3.5

Preprocessor-Related Processing

- `clang::Preprocessor` class works in conjunction with `lexer` to efficiently preprocess tokens
- custom processing can be performed during preprocessing via callbacks registered via `addPPCallbacks` member function
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1Preprocessor.html

- `clang::PPCallbacks` class provides interface for supplying callbacks to be invoked at various stages during preprocessing
- some events for which callbacks can be registered include:
 - include directive encountered
 - pragma directive encountered
 - macro has been defined
 - macro has been undefined
 - if directive has been encountered
 - else directive has been encountered
 - endif directive has been encountered
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1PPCallbacks.html

Preprocessor Callbacks Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/preprocessor` directory in companion repository
- runs preprocessor on each source file specified on command line
- for each preprocessor include directive in main source file, program prints:
 - location of include directive
 - header specified in include directive (with angle brackets or double quotes)
 - full pathname of included file
- output resembles something like:

```
include directive:
  location: /home/jdoe/test_2.cpp:1:1
  header: <cstdlib>
  pathname: /usr/lib/gcc/x86_64-redhat-linux/11/../../../../include/c++/11/cstdlib
include directive:
  location: /home/jdoe/test_2.cpp:2:1
  header: "test_2.hpp"
  pathname: /home/jdoe/test_2.hpp
```

Preprocessor Callbacks Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <iostream>
3  #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
4  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
5  #include "clang/Lex/PPCallbacks.h"
6  #include "clang/Lex/Preprocessor.h"
7  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
8  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
9  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
10
11 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
12 using namespace std::literals;
13
14 std::string locationToString(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
15                             clang::SourceLocation sourceLoc) {
16     return std::format("{}: {}: {}", sourceManager.getFilename(sourceLoc),
17                       sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(sourceLoc),
18                       sourceManager.getSpellingColumnNumber(sourceLoc));
19 }
```

Preprocessor Callbacks Example: main.cpp (2)

```
21 class FindIncludes : public clang::PPCallbacks {
22 public:
23     FindIncludes(clang::SourceManager& sourceManager) :
24         sourceManager_(&sourceManager) {}
25     void InclusionDirective(clang::SourceLocation hashLoc,
26         const clang::Token&, llvm::StringRef fileName, bool isAngled,
27         clang::CharSourceRange, llvm::Optional<clang::FileEntryRef> file,
28         llvm::StringRef, llvm::StringRef, const clang::Module *,
29         clang::SrcMgr::CharacteristicKind) override {
30         std::string actualFileName;
31         if (!sourceManager_>isInMainFile(hashLoc)) {return;}
32         if (file) {actualFileName = file->getName();}
33         std::string headerName = isAngled ?
34             ("<"s + std::string(fileName) + ">"s) :
35             ("\""s + std::string(fileName) + "\""s);
36         llvm::outs() << std::format("include directive:\n location: {} \n"
37             " header: {} \n pathname: {} \n",
38             locationToString(*sourceManager_, hashLoc), headerName,
39             actualFileName);
40     }
41 private:
42     clang::SourceManager* sourceManager_;
43 };
```

Preprocessor Callbacks Example: main.cpp (3)

```
45 class IncludeFinderAction : public clang::PreprocessOnlyAction {
46     bool BeginSourceFileAction(clang::CompilerInstance& ci) override {
47         std::unique_ptr<FindIncludes> findIncludes(
48             new FindIncludes(ci.getSourceManager()));
49         clang::Preprocessor& pp = ci.getPreprocessor();
50         pp.addPPCallbacks(std::move(findIncludes));
51         return true;
52     }
53 };
54
55 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolCategory("Tool Options");
56
57 int main(int argc, char **argv) {
58     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
59         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolCategory);
60     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
61         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError());
62         return 1;
63     }
64     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
65     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
66         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
67     return tool.run(
68         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<IncludeFinderAction>().get());
69 }
```


Section 3.6

AST Frontend Actions

- clang::ASTFrontendAction abstract base class provides interface for frontend actions that consume AST
- derives from clang::FrontendAction
- provides override of ExecuteAction function that runs semantic analysis and builds AST
- in some cases, may be desirable to override BeginSourceFileAction and EndSourceFileAction methods
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1ASTFrontendAction.html

- `clang::ASTConsumer` class provides interface for consuming AST
- allows code consuming AST to be decoupled from code producing AST
- callbacks for certain types of events can be provided by overriding virtual methods
- some virtual methods include:
 - `Initialize`: called to perform any initialization of consumer
 - `HandleTranslationUnit`: called after entire translation unit has been parsed
 - `HandleCXXImplicitFunctionInstantiation`: called when function implicitly instantiated
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1ASTConsumer.html

- AST-consumer classes should be derived from `clang::ASTConsumer`
- provide overrides of functions appropriate for types of processing needed
- for example, common to override `HandleTranslationUnit`

- `clang::ASTContext` class holds long-lived AST nodes (such as types and decls) that can be referred to throughout semantic analysis of file
- some information about AST not stored in AST nodes themselves but rather in AST context (`ASTContext`) and associated source manager (`SourceManager`)
- such information includes source locations and global identifier information
- provides `getTranslationUnitDecl` method for obtaining AST node for translation unit (which often serves as root node for AST traversal)
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1ASTContext.html

AST Consumer Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_consumer_1` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on each source file specified on command line in order to produce AST
- for each source file processed, prints amount of memory used for AST
- output resembles something like:

```
input file: /home/jdoe/hello.cpp
AST size: 7667712
input file: /home/jdoe/simple_1.cpp
AST size: 8847360
```

AST Consumer Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include "clang/AST/ASTConsumer.h"
3  #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
4  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
5  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
6  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
7  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
8  #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
9
10 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
11
12 class MyAstConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
13 public:
14     MyAstConsumer(const std::string& fileName) : fileName_(fileName) {}
15     void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext& astContext) override {
16         llvm::outs() << std::format("input file: {}\nAST size: {}\n",
17             fileName_, astContext.getASTAllocatedMemory());
18     }
19 private:
20     std::string fileName_;
21 };
22
23 struct MyAstFrontendAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
24     std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer> CreateASTConsumer(
25         clang::CompilerInstance&, clang::StringRef inFile) override {
26         return std::make_unique<MyAstConsumer>(std::string(inFile));
27     }
28 };
```

```
30 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
31
32 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
33     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
34         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
35     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
36         llvm::errs() << std::format("Unable to create option parser ({}).\n",
37             llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError()));
38         return 1;
39     }
40     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
41     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
42         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
43     int status = tool.run(
44         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<MyAstFrontendAction>().get());
45     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error occurred\n";}
46     return !status ? 0 : 1;
47 }
```


Section 3.7

Traversing the AST With AST Visitors

clang::RecursiveASTVisitor Class Template (1)

- clang::RecursiveASTVisitor class template used for traversing AST and performing specific actions at appropriate nodes
- class template employs **CRTP**
- templated on AST-visitor class type
- hooks are not virtual (due to use of CRTP)
- be careful to employ correct function signatures for hook methods; otherwise, code will never be called
- can perform preorder or postorder depth-first traversal
- default implementations of hook methods inherited from RecursiveASTVisitor
- only need to implement hook methods for which custom behavior required
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1RecursiveASTVisitor.html

- `shouldTraversePostOrder` method:
 - specifies if postorder traversal should be employed (as opposed to preorder)
 - defaults to **false** (i.e., preorder)
- `shouldVisitTemplateInstantiations` method:
 - specifies if nodes corresponding to template instantiations should be visited
 - defaults to **false** (i.e., not visited)
- nodes corresponding to explicit and partial specializations are visited
- `shouldVisitImplicitCode` method:
 - specifies if nodes corresponding to code implicitly generated by compiler should be visited
 - defaults to **false** (i.e., not visited)

Traverse, Walk-Up, and Visit Methods

- traversal functionality provided by three types of methods:
 - 1 traverse method (named as `TraverseType`): initiates visitation of node and its descendants (e.g., `TraverseDecl`)
 - 2 walk-up method (`WalkUpFromType`): dispatches visitation across AST class hierarchy (from node's dynamic type to top-most class) for single node and then call visit method for that node (e.g., `WalkUpFromCXXConstructorDecl`)
 - 3 visit method (`VisitType`): handles visitation of single node based on its type by calling user-specified function (e.g., `VisitFunctionDecl`, `VisitVarDecl`)
- traverse, walk-up, and visit methods have `bool` return type which indicates if traversal should continue

- traverse method invoked when node being traversed
- for traverse methods, hooks of following form provided for most AST nodes of type *NodeType*:
 - **bool** `TraverseNodeType(NodeType *)`
- returning false terminates traversal early
- by default, `TraverseType` invokes `WalkUpFromType` to visit node for direct base class of *Type* (and ultimately each of its other base classes in inheritance hierarchy)
- for node of type *T*, `TraverseType` method invoked only if *T* is same as *Type*
- traverse methods can call traverse and walk-up methods, but not visit methods

Walk-Up Methods

- walk-up method invoked as part of process of climbing inheritance hierarchy (which visits node at each level of inheritance hierarchy)
- for walk-up methods, hooks of following form provided for most AST nodes of type *NodeType*:
 - `bool WalkUpFromNodeType(NodeType *)`
- returning false terminates traversal early
- by default, `WalkUpFromType` invokes `WalkUpFromParentType` (where *ParentType* is direct base class of *Type*) and then invokes `VisitType`
- since `WalkUpFromParentType` called before `VisitType`, inheritance hierarchy is visited in top-down order (i.e., from least to most derived)
- for node of type *T*, `WalkUpFromType` method will be called if *T* same as *Type* or *T* is (directly or indirectly) derived from *Type*
- walk-up methods can call walk-up and visit methods, but not traverse methods

- visit method invoked to visit node at particular level in inheritance hierarchy
- in terms of visit methods, hooks of following form provided for most AST nodes of type *NodeType* (exception being `TypeLoc` nodes, which are passed by value):
 - `bool VisitNodeType(NodeType *)`
- returning false terminates traversal early
- all calls to visit methods for same node grouped together (i.e., not interleaved with calls to visit methods for other nodes)
- by default, `VisitType` is no-op
- visit methods can call visit methods, but not traverse or walk-up methods
- for node of type `T`, `VisitType` method will be called if `T` same as `Type` or `T` is (directly or indirectly) derived from `Type`

Node Handling Example

- consider AST node of type `NamespaceDecl`
- inheritance hierarchy involved:
 - `Decl` ← `NamedDecl` ← `NamespaceDecl`
- when node of type `NamespaceDecl` encountered during AST traversal, callbacks (i.e., `traverse`, `walk-up`, and `visit` methods) invoked in following order:
 - 1 `TraverseNamespaceDecl`
 - 2 `WalkUpFromNamespaceDecl`
 - 3 `WalkUpFromNamedDecl`
 - 4 `WalkUpFromDecl`
 - 5 `VisitDecl`
 - 6 `VisitNamedDecl`
 - 7 `VisitNamespaceDecl`

AST Visitor Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_visitor_1` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on each source file specified on command line in order to produce AST
- traverses AST, printing fully-qualified name of each function declared
- only considers function declarations in main source file (not those in headers)
- output resembles something like:

```
main
foo::max
foo::abs
get_values
```

AST Visitor Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include "clang/AST/ASTConsumer.h"
3  #include "clang/AST/RecursiveASTVisitor.h"
4  #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
5  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
6  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
7  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
8  #include "llvm/Config/llvm-config.h"
9  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
10
11 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
12
13 class MyAstVisitor : public clang::RecursiveASTVisitor<MyAstVisitor> {
14 public:
15     MyAstVisitor(clang::ASTContext& astContext) : astContext_(&astContext) {}
16     bool VisitFunctionDecl(clang::FunctionDecl* funcDecl) {
17         const auto& fileId = astContext_>getSourceManager().getFileID(
18             funcDecl->getLocation());
19         if (fileId == astContext_>getSourceManager().getMainFileID()) {
20             llvm::outs() << std::format("{}\n",
21                 funcDecl->getQualifiedNameAsString());
22         }
23         return true;
24     }
25 private:
26     clang::ASTContext* astContext_;
27 };
```

AST Visitor Example: main.cpp (2)

```
29 class MyAstConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
30 public:
31     void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext& astContext) final {
32         clang::TranslationUnitDecl* tuDecl =
33             astContext.getTranslationUnitDecl();
34         MyAstVisitor visitor(astContext);
35         visitor.TraverseDecl(tuDecl);
36     }
37 };
38
39 class MyFrontendAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
40 public:
41     std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer> CreateASTConsumer(
42         clang::CompilerInstance&, clang::StringRef) final {
43         return std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer>{new MyAstConsumer};
44     }
45 };
```

```
47 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
48
49 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
50     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
51         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
52     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
53         llvm::errs() << std::format("Unable to create option parser ({}).\n",
54             llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError()));
55         return 1;
56     }
57     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
58     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
59         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
60     int status = tool.run(
61         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<MyFrontendAction>().get());
62     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
63     return !status ? 0 : 1;
64 }
```

Class Hierarchy Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_visitor_3` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on each source file specified on command line in order to produce AST
- traverses AST for each translation unit
- maintains stack to track nesting hierarchy of struct/union declarations
- for each struct/union declaration, prints corresponding class hierarchy
- only considers declarations in main source file (not those in headers)
- output resembles something like:

```
A1 -> A2 -> A3
A1 -> A2
A1
Something -> Wazzit
Something -> (anonymous)
Something
```

Class Hierarchy Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <vector>
3  #include "clang/AST/ASTConsumer.h"
4  #include "clang/AST/RecursiveASTVisitor.h"
5  #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
6  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
7  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
8  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
9  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
10
11 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
12
13 class MyAstVisitor : public clang::RecursiveASTVisitor<MyAstVisitor> {
14 public:
15     MyAstVisitor(clang::ASTContext& astContext) : astContext_(&astContext),
16         stack_() {}
17     bool TraverseCXXRecordDecl(clang::CXXRecordDecl* recDecl);
18 private:
19     using Base = clang::RecursiveASTVisitor<MyAstVisitor>;
20     void printStack() const;
21     clang::ASTContext* astContext_;
22     std::vector<const clang::CXXRecordDecl*> stack_;
23 };
```

Class Hierarchy Example: main.cpp (2)

```
25 bool MyAstVisitor::TraverseCXXRecordDecl(clang::CXXRecordDecl* recDecl) {
26     clang::SourceManager& sourceManager = astContext->getSourceManager();
27     stack_.push_back(recDecl);
28     bool result = Base::TraverseCXXRecordDecl(recDecl);
29     if (sourceManager.getFileID(recDecl->getLocation()) ==
30         sourceManager.getMainFileID()) {printStack();}
31     stack_.pop_back();
32     return result;
33 }
34
35 void MyAstVisitor::printStack() const {
36     std::string s;
37     for (auto i = stack_.begin(); i != stack_.end(); ++i) {
38         std::string name((*i)->getName());
39         s += std::format("{}{}", i != stack_.begin() ? " -> " : "",
40             name.size() ? name : "(anonymous)");
41     }
42     llvm::outs() << s << '\n';
43 }
44
45 class MyAstConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
46 public:
47     void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext& astContext) final {
48         clang::TranslationUnitDecl* tuDecl =
49             astContext.getTranslationUnitDecl();
50         MyAstVisitor astVisitor(astContext);
51         astVisitor.TraverseDecl(tuDecl);
52     }
53 };
```

Class Hierarchy Example: main.cpp (3)

```
55 class MyFrontendAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
56 public:
57     std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer> CreateASTConsumer(
58         clang::CompilerInstance& compInstance, clang::StringRef) final {
59         return std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer>{new MyAstConsumer};
60     }
61 };
62
63 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
64
65 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
66     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
67         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
68     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
69         llvm::errs() << std::format("Unable to create option parser ({}).\n",
70             llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError()));
71         return 1;
72     }
73     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
74     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
75         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
76     int status = tool.run(
77         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<MyFrontendAction>().get());
78     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
79     return !status ? 0 : 1;
80 }
```


Section 3.8

Source Manager and Source Locations

- clang::SourceManager manages all source files stored in memory and provides interface to access them
- provides APIs to deal with SourceLocation instances
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1SourceManager.html

clang::SourceLocation Type

- `clang::SourceLocation` represents location of specific position in source code
- `SourceLocation` capable of representing position in source code with character granularity but often used to refer to tokens (by referring to location of first character of token)
- `SourceLocation` made very lightweight for efficiency
- just reference/handle to specific part of source code
- underlying data being referenced stored in `SourceManager` instance
- `SourceLocation` has special invalid value that can be used to indicate no corresponding location in source code exists
- can check for invalid value with `isValid` member function
- can use `SourceManager` to query file name, line number, column number associated with `SourceLocation`
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1SourceLocation.html

clang::SourceRange Type

- `clang::SourceRange` represents contiguous part of source code
- `SourceRange` represents range of tokens
- essentially pair of `SourceLocation` objects (i.e., one `SourceLocation` object for each of begin and end locations)
- range is symmetric (i.e., both begin and end refer to elements in range)
- begin location specifies location of first character of first token in range (obtained via `getBegin`)
- end location specifies location of first character of last token in range (obtained via `getEnd`)
- can check for invalid value with `isValid` member function
- some AST node types have `getSourceRange` member function to obtain range of tokens related to AST node (e.g., `FunctionDecl` and `VarDecl`)
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1SourceRange.html

```
getLocation()
  ↓
float func(float x, float y);
  ↑                               ↑
getBeginLoc()                   getEndLoc()
```

```
getLocation()
  ↓
auto func(float x, float y) -> float;
  ↑                               ↑
getBeginLoc()                   getEndLoc()
```

- **source range:** `functionDecl->getBeginLoc()`,
`functionDecl->getEndLoc()`
- **source location:** `functionDecl->getLocation()`

FunctionDecl and Source Locations (Definition)

```
getLocation()
  ↓
float func(float x, float y) {return x * y;}
  ↑                               ↑
getBeginLoc()                   getEndLoc()
```

```
getLocation()
  ↓
auto func(float x, float y)-> float {return x * y;}
  ↑                               ↑
getBeginLoc()                   getEndLoc()
```

- **source range:** `functionDecl->getBeginLoc()`,
`functionDecl->getEndLoc()`
- **source location:** `functionDecl->getLocation()`

```
beginLoc()
```



```
float func(float x, float y);
```



```
endLoc()
```

```
beginLoc()
```



```
auto func(float x, float y) -> float;
```



```
endLoc()
```

■ source range:

```
functionDecl->getReturnTypeInfoSourceRange().beginLoc(),
```

```
functionDecl->getReturnTypeInfoSourceRange().endLoc()
```

VarDecl and Source Locations

```
getLocation()
  ↓
double value = 1.0 / 3.0;
  ↑           ↑
getBeginLoc() getEndLoc()
```

```
getLocation()
  ↓
extern int global;
  ↑         ↑
getBeginLoc() getEndLoc()
```

- **source range:** `varDecl->getBeginLoc(), varDecl->getEndLoc()`
- **source location:** `varDecl->getLocation()`

CallExpr and Source Locations

```
func(a, b, c, d);  
    ↑           ↑  
getBeginLoc() getEndLoc()
```

```
(*func_ptr)(a, b, c, d);  
    ↑           ↑  
getBeginLoc() getEndLoc()
```

- **source range:** `callExpr->getBeginLoc()`, `callExpr->getEndLoc()`

- `clang::CharSourceRange` represents contiguous part of source code with character granularity
- `CharSourceRange` can be used to specify:
 - range of characters
 - range of tokens
- for range of characters:
 - begin and end specify location of first and last characters of range
- for range of tokens:
 - begin specifies location of first character of first token in range
 - end specifies location of first character of last token in range
- can determine type of range (i.e., character versus token) via `isCharRange` and `isTokenRange` member functions
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CharSourceRange.html

- `SourceLocation` instance not useful in isolation, since references information in `SourceManager` instance
- `FullSourceLocation` is `SourceLocation` along with associated `SourceManager`

Spelling Versus Expansion Locations

- each source location associated with spelling location and expansion location
- spelling location specifies where characters corresponding to token originated
- expansion location specifies where characters for token appear to be from user's point of view
- in case of macro expansion:
 - spelling location specifies where token in macro expansion originated (i.e., in macro definition)
 - expansion location specifies where macro expansion took place (i.e., point where macro invoked)
- `clang::SourceManager` class provides methods for querying information about source locations, including:
 - `getFilename`
 - `getSpellingLineNumber`
 - `getSpellingColumnNumber`
 - `getExpansionRange`

Example: Spellings Versus Expansions

Source File example_16.cpp

```
          111111111122222222
12345678901234567890123456
1  #define fool(x) foo(x)
2  int foo(int x) {return x;}
3  int main() {
4  _return_fool(42);
5  }
```

Preprocessor Output

```
          111111111122222222
12345678901234567890123456
2  int foo(int x) {return x;}
3  int main() {
4  _return_foo(42);
5  }
```

- consider CallExpr AST node associated with call to foo on line 4 of source file
- begin spelling location: example_16.cpp:1:17
- end spelling location: example_16.cpp:1:22
- expansion range: example_16.cpp:4:9 to example_16.cpp:4:16

Example: More Macro Strangeness

Source File `example_17.cpp`

```
          111111111122222222
12345678901234567890123456
1  #define _FORTY_TWO_42
2  #define _X_x
3  #define _INT_int
4  INT_X=_FORTY_TWO;
```

Preprocessor Output

```
          111111111122222222
12345678901234567890123456
4  int_x=_42;
```

- consider `VarDecl` AST node associated with declaration of variable `x` on line 4 of source file
- begin spelling location: `example_17.cpp:3:13`
- end spelling location: `example_17.cpp:1:19`
- note that end spelling location precedes begin spelling location in source file
- expansion range: `example_17.cpp:4:1` to `example_17.cpp:4:9` (i.e., first character of token `FORTY_TWO`)

Obtaining Source Code for Source Range

- to obtain text of source corresponding to source range, use `getSourceText` member of `clang::Lexer` class
- source range specified as `CharSourceRange` instance
- allows source range to be token or character range
- if token range, gets source text for all tokens covered by range
- if character range, gets source text for all characters covered by range
- may fail in cases where source range contains macro expansions
- failure indicator returned via `bool*` parameter

Source Location Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/clang_utilities` directory in companion repository
- provides several functions for printing information about source code from `SourceLocation` and `SourceRange` objects:
 - associated source file, line number, and column number
 - corresponding character sequence in source code

Source Location Example: utilities.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2
3  #include "clang/Basic/SourceManager.h"
4  #include "clang/Basic/SourceLocation.h"
5  #include "clang/Lex/Lexer.h"
6
7  std::string locationToString(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
8    clang::SourceLocation sourceLoc) {
9    return std::format("{}:{{}}({})", sourceManager.getFilename(sourceLoc),
10      sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(sourceLoc),
11      sourceManager.getSpellingColumnNumber(sourceLoc));
12 }
13
14 std::string rangeToString(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
15   clang::SourceRange sourceRange) {
16   std::string beginFilename(sourceManager.getFilename(
17     sourceRange.getBegin()));
18   std::string endFilename(sourceManager.getFilename(sourceRange.getEnd()));
19   return std::format("{}:{{}}({})-{{}}({})", beginFilename,
20     sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(sourceRange.getBegin()),
21     sourceManager.getSpellingColumnNumber(sourceRange.getBegin()),
22     endFilename != beginFilename ? endFilename + ":" : "",
23     sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(sourceRange.getEnd()),
24     sourceManager.getSpellingColumnNumber(sourceRange.getEnd()));
25 }
```

Source Location Example: `utilities.cpp` (2)

```
27 std::string getSourceText(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
28     clang::SourceRange range) {
29     return std::string(clang::Lexer::getSourceText(
30         clang::CharSourceRange::getTokenRange(range), sourceManager,
31         clang::LangOptions()));
32 }
33
34 std::string addLineNumbers(const std::string& source, unsigned int start) {
35     std::string result;
36     result += std::format("{:4d}: ", start);
37     for (auto c : source) {
38         if (c == '\n') {
39             ++start;
40             result += std::format("\n{:4d}: ", start);
41         } else {result += c;}
42     }
43     return result;
44 }
```

Source Printing Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_visitor_2` directory in companion repository
- for each function definition in main source file, prints:
 - fully-qualified name of function
 - source file containing function definition
 - starting and ending of line number and column number of function definition
 - lines of source code comprising function definition (with line numbers)
- output for function definition resembles something like:

```
h2g2::get_status
/home/jdoe/example_1.cpp:3(1)-5(1)
-----
    3: int get_status() {
    4:     return 42;
    5: }
-----

main
/home/jdoe/example_1.cpp:9(1)-11(1)
-----
    9: int main() {
   10:     return h2g2::get_status();
   11: }
```

Source Printing Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1 #include <format>
2 #include "clang/AST/ASTConsumer.h"
3 #include "clang/AST/RecursiveASTVisitor.h"
4 #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
5 #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
6 #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
7 #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
8 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
9 #include "utilities.hpp" // header for utilities.cpp
10
11 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
12
13 class MyAstVisitor : public clang::RecursiveASTVisitor<MyAstVisitor> {
14 public:
15     MyAstVisitor(clang::ASTContext& astContext) : astContext_{&astContext} {}
16     bool VisitFunctionDecl(clang::FunctionDecl* funcDecl) {
17         clang::SourceManager& sm = astContext_->getSourceManager();
18         const auto& fileId = sm.getFileID(funcDecl->getLocation());
19         if (funcDecl->hasBody() && fileId == sm.getMainFileID()) {
20             clang::SourceRange sourceRange = funcDecl->getSourceRange();
21             std::string delim("-----\n");
22             llvm::outs() << std::format("{}\n{}\n{}\n{}\n",
23                 funcDecl->getQualifiedNameAsString(), rangeToString(sm,
24                     sourceRange), delim, addLineNumbers(getSourceText(sm,
25                         sourceRange), sm.getSpellingLineNumber(sourceRange.getBegin()),
26                         delim));
27         }
28         return true;
29     }
30 private:
31     clang::ASTContext* astContext_;
32 };
```

Source Printing Example: main.cpp (2)

```
34 class MyAstConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
35 public:
36     void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext& astContext) final {
37         clang::TranslationUnitDecl* tuDecl =
38             astContext.getTranslationUnitDecl();
39         MyAstVisitor astVisitor(astContext);
40         astVisitor.TraverseDecl(tuDecl);
41     }
42 };
43
44 class MyFrontendAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
45 public:
46     std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer> CreateASTConsumer(
47         clang::CompilerInstance& compInstance, clang::StringRef) final {
48         return std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer>{new MyAstConsumer};
49     }
50 };
51
52 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
53
54 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
55     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
56         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
57     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
58         llvm::errs() << std::format("Unable to create option parser ({}).\n",
59             llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError()));
60         return 1;
61     }
62     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
63     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
64         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
65     int status = tool.run(
66         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<MyFrontendAction>().get());
67     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
68     return !status ? 0 : 1;
69 }
```

Section 3.9

Diagnostics

- `clang::DiagnosticConsumer` class provides interface for receiving diagnostic information (i.e., warnings, errors, and so on) from compiler frontend
- class provides numerous virtual functions that serve as callbacks
- some classes derived from `DiagnosticConsumer` provided by library to cover some common use cases (e.g., `clang::IgnoringDiagConsumer`)
- can also create other diagnostic-consumer classes by deriving from `DiagnosticConsumer` and providing desired overrides
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1DiagnosticConsumer.html

Diagnostic Consumer Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/diagnostic_consumer` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files
- for each diagnostic with severity level of (regular) error or fatal error, program prints filename and line/column number associated with diagnostic
- other diagnostic information discarded
- upon completion, program prints count of number of regular/fatal errors
- output resembles something like:

```
error at /home/mdadams/jdoe/invalid_1.cpp:3:9
1 error(s) occurred
```


Diagnostic Consumer Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <map>
3  #include <string>
4  #include "clang/Basic/Diagnostic.h"
5  #include "clang/Basic/SourceLocation.h"
6  #include "clang/Basic/SourceManager.h"
7  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
8  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
9  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
10 #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
11 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
12
13 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
14
15 std::string locationToString(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
16     clang::SourceLocation sourceLoc) {
17     return std::format("{}: {}: {}", sourceManager.getFilename(sourceLoc),
18         sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(sourceLoc),
19         sourceManager.getSpellingColumnNumber(sourceLoc));
20 }
21
22 std::string levelToString(clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level level) {
23     const std::map<clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level, std::string> lut{
24         {clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level::Error, "error"},
25         {clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level::Fatal, "fatal error"},
26     };
27     auto i = lut.find(level);
28     return i != lut.end() ? i->second : "unknown";
29 }
```

Diagnostic Consumer Example: main.cpp (2)

```
31 class MyDiagnosticConsumer : public clang::DiagnosticConsumer {
32 public:
33     MyDiagnosticConsumer() : errCount_(0) {}
34     void HandleDiagnostic(clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level diagLevel,
35         const clang::Diagnostic& info) override {
36         clang::SourceManager* sm = info.hasSourceManager() ?
37             &info.getSourceManager() : nullptr;
38         if (diagLevel == clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level::Error ||
39             diagLevel == clang::DiagnosticsEngine::Level::Fatal) {
40             if (sm) {
41                 llvm::errs() << std::format("{} at {}\n",
42                     levelToString(diagLevel), locationToString(*sm,
43                         info.getLocation()));
44                 ++errCount_;
45             } else {
46                 llvm::errs() << std::format("{}\n", levelToString(diagLevel));
47             }
48         }
49     }
50     unsigned long getErrCount() const {return errCount_;}
51 private:
52     unsigned long errCount_;
53 };
```

```
55 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
56
57 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
58     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
59         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
60     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
61         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError());
62         return 1;
63     }
64     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
65     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
66         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
67     MyDiagnosticConsumer diagnosticConsumer;
68     tool.setDiagnosticConsumer(&diagnosticConsumer);
69     int status = tool.run(
70         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<clang::SyntaxOnlyAction>().get());
71     unsigned long errCount = diagnosticConsumer.getErrCount();
72     if (errCount) {
73         llvm::errs() << std::format("{} error(s) occurred\n", errCount);
74     }
75     return (!status && !errCount) ? 0 : 1;
76 }
```

Section 3.10

Finding AST Nodes With AST Matchers

- Clang libraries provide mechanism for finding AST nodes that match specific criteria as determined by some matching predicate
- predicate embodied by AST matcher type
- can match nodes that correspond to declarations, statements, expressions, and types (amongst other things)
- AST matcher API designed such that expressions involving matchers have very natural syntax
- this syntax can be thought of as domain-specific language for AST node matching
- as will be seen later, `clang-query` tool supports similar syntax

- numerous matcher types provided (in `clang::ast_matchers` namespace) to allow matching various types of AST nodes

Matcher Type	Type of Node Matched
<code>DeclarationMatcher</code>	<code>Decl</code>
<code>StatementMatcher</code>	<code>Stmt</code> (which includes <code>Expr</code>)
<code>TypeMatcher</code>	<code>QualType</code>
<code>TypeLocMatcher</code>	<code>TypeLoc</code>
<code>NestedNameSpecifierMatcher</code>	<code>NestedNameSpecifier</code>
<code>NestedNameSpecifierLocMatcher</code>	<code>NestedNameSpecifierLoc</code>
<code>CXXBaseSpecifierMatcher</code>	<code>CXXBaseSpecifier</code>
<code>CXXCtorInitializerMatcher</code>	<code>CXXCtorInitializer</code>
<code>TemplateArgumentMatcher</code>	<code>TemplateArgument</code>
<code>TemplateArgumentLocMatcher</code>	<code>TemplateArgumentLoc</code>
<code>LambdaCaptureMatcher</code>	<code>LambdaCapture</code>
<code>AttrMatcher</code>	<code>Attr</code>

Trivial Matcher Example

```
1  #include <string>
2  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
3
4  namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
5
6  cam::DeclarationMatcher matchFuncDef() {
7      using namespace cam;
8      return functionDecl(isDefinition()).bind("func");
9  }
10
11 cam::DeclarationMatcher matchFuncDeclOf(const std::string& funcName) {
12     using namespace cam;
13     return functionDecl(hasName(funcName)).bind("func");
14 }
15
16 cam::StatementMatcher matchCallTo(const std::string& funcName) {
17     using namespace cam;
18     return callExpr(callee(
19         functionDecl(hasName(funcName)).bind("func"))).bind("call");
20 }
21
22 cam::TypeMatcher matchPointerType() {
23     using namespace cam;
24     return qualType(isAnyPointer());
25 }
```

Section 3.10.1

AST Matchers

- **AST matcher** is class that holds predicate used to test for match
- three categories of AST matchers:
 - 1 node matchers: match specific type of AST node
 - 2 narrowing matchers: match attributes on AST nodes
 - 3 traversal matchers: allow traversal between AST nodes
- library provides very rich set of predefined AST matchers
- predefined AST matchers in `clang::ast_matchers` namespace
- library also allows custom AST matchers to be defined by user
- for list of AST matchers provided by library, see:
 - <https://clang.llvm.org/docs/LibASTMatchersReference.html>
[click on name of matcher for more detailed information on that matcher]

Node Matchers

- **node matchers** allow nodes to be matched on basis of their type
- every matcher expression must start with node matcher (or `traverse` matcher to be discussed shortly)
- match expression can be further refined with narrowing or traversal matchers
- all node matchers take arbitrary number of matchers as arguments and perform logical AND of all of these matchers
- matcher expression that matches every `FunctionDecl` node in AST:

```
functionDecl()
```
- node matchers support `bind` operation that allows matched node to be associated with string, which can be later used by callback to gain access to that node
- matcher expression that matches every `FunctionDecl` node and binds matched node to name "x":

```
functionDecl().bind("x")
```

Some Predefined Node Matchers

Name	Description
<code>functionDecl</code>	matches <code>FunctionDecl</code> node (function declaration)
<code>cxxMethodDecl</code>	matches <code>CXXMethodDecl</code> node (class/union/struct method declaration)
<code>cxxRecordDecl</code>	matches <code>CXXRecordDecl</code> node (C++ class/union/struct declaration)
<code>varDecl</code>	matches <code>VarDecl</code> node (variable declaration)
<code>callExpr</code>	matches <code>CallExpr</code> node (call expression)
<code>declRefExpr</code>	matches <code>DeclRefExpr</code> node (expression referring to declared entity)

Narrowing Matchers

- **narrowing matchers** match certain attributes on current node
- narrowing matchers allow number of matches to be reduced by only keeping matches with specific attributes
- special logical narrowing matchers provide AND, OR, and NOT logical operations (i.e., `allOf`, `anyOf`, `unless`)
- matcher expression that matches node corresponding to declaration of function whose name is `foo`:

```
functionDecl (hasName ("foo"))
```
- matcher expression that matches node corresponding to declaration of function whose name is either `foo` or `bar`:

```
functionDecl (anyOf (hasName ("foo"), hasName ("bar")))
```
- matcher expression that matches node corresponding to declaration of function whose name is neither `foo` nor `bar`:

```
functionDecl (unless (anyOf (hasName ("foo"), hasName ("bar"))))
```

Some Predefined Narrowing Matchers

Logical Narrowing Matchers

Name	Description
<code>allOf</code>	logical AND
<code>anyOf</code>	logical OR
<code>unless</code>	logical NOT

Miscellaneous Narrowing Matchers

Name	Description
<code>hasName</code>	matches if has specified name
<code>matchesName</code>	matches if name matches regular expression
<code>isExpansionInMainFile</code>	matches if from main source file (i.e., not included header)
<code>isImplicit</code>	matches if implicitly generated by compiler (e.g., implicit default constructor)
<code>equalsBoundNode</code>	matches if same as node bound to specified name

- **traversal matchers** specify relationship between current node and other nodes reachable from current node
- special `traverse` matcher allows control over how traversal performed (e.g., all implicit nodes can be ignored)
- matcher expression that matches declaration of function that contains at least one **if** statement:

```
functionDecl (hasDescendant (ifStmt ()))
```

- matcher expression that matches call to function whose name is `foo`:

```
callExpr (callee (functionDecl (hasName ("foo"))))
```

Some Predefined Traversal Matchers

Parent/Child Traversal Matchers

Name	Description
<code>hasParent</code>	parent matches specified matcher
<code>has</code>	child matches specified matcher
<code>hasAncestor</code>	at least one ancestor matches specified matcher
<code>hasDescendant</code>	at least one descendant matches specified matcher

Expr to Decl Traversal

Expr	Matcher	Decl
<code>CallExpr</code>	<code>callee</code>	<code>FunctionDecl</code>
<code>DeclRefExpr</code>	<code>to</code>	<code>VarDecl</code>
<code>MemberExpr</code>	<code>member</code>	<code>FieldDecl</code>

Ignoring Implicit AST Nodes

- compiler sometimes generates AST nodes that do not correspond to constructs explicitly spelled in source code
- such nodes are referred to as implicit nodes
- often implicit nodes can complicate AST matching process (by creating many additional special cases to handle during matching)
- may wish to ignore all implicit nodes
- can be accomplished by using special `traverse` matcher with `clang::TK_IgnoreUnlessSpelledInSource` for first argument
- that is, all implicit AST nodes can be ignored by wrapping matcher expression `e` with `traverse` as follows:

```
clang::ast_matchers::traverse(  
    clang::TK_IgnoreUnlessSpelledInSource, e)
```


Examples of AST Matcher Expressions (1)

- match node that corresponds to function declaration in main source file:

```
functionDecl (isExpansionInMainFile ())
```

- match node that corresponds to inline function declaration:

```
functionDecl (isInline ())
```

- match node that corresponds to call to function whose name matches regular expression “^::foo_”:

```
functionDecl (matchesName ("^::foo_"))
```

- match node that corresponds to function declaration whose 0th parameter has name x:

```
functionDecl (hasParameter (0, parmVarDecl (hasName ("x"))))
```

Examples of AST Matcher Expressions (2)

- match statement (i.e., Stmt) node that corresponds to either normal or range-based **for** statement, and bind name “**for**” to matching Stmt node:

```
stmt (anyOf (forStmt (), cxxForRangeStmt ())) .bind ("for")
```

- match **if**-statement (i.e., IfStmt) node that is not part of **else if**, and bind name “**if**” to matched node:

```
ifStmt (stmt ().bind ("if"), unless (hasParent (ifStmt (hasElse (ifStmt (equalsBoundNode ("if"))))))))
```

- match node corresponding to **if**-statement (i.e., IfStmt node) whose then or else clause is not compound statement:

```
ifStmt (unless (allof (hasThen (compoundStmt ())), anyOf (unless (hasElse (anything ())), hasElse (compoundStmt ())))))
```

Examples of AST Matcher Expressions (3)

- **match call to `make_unique` with template argument `Widget`:**

```
callExpr (callee (functionDecl (hasName ("make_unique"),
    hasAnyTemplateArgument (refersToType (hasDeclaration (
        namedDecl (hasName ("Widget"))))))))
```

- **match call to function where function has any parameters of rvalue reference type:**

```
callExpr (callee (functionDecl (hasAnyParameter (parmVarDecl (
    hasType (rValueReferenceType()))))))
```

- **match overriding virtual method that does not use `override` or `final` keyword (where `attr::Override` and `attr::Final` from `clang` namespace):**

```
cxxMethodDecl (unless (cxxDestructorDecl()), isOverride(),
    unless (anyOf (hasAttr (attr::Override),
        hasAttr (attr::Final))))
```

Section 3.10.2

Using `clang-query` to Facilitate AST Matcher Development

- `clang-query` is program that facilitates easier development of AST matchers
- reads sequence of commands as input that can be used to find nodes in AST corresponding to given source code using AST matchers
- source files to be considered specified as command-line arguments
- commands for specifying AST matchers and controlling how results generated and presented
- program reads commands from standard input and query results and diagnostics sent to standard output/error
- syntax for specifying matchers mostly compatible with syntax that would be used in C++ source code
- only matchers provided by Clang library supported (i.e., no support for custom matchers)

- ASTs for source files only generated at program startup (so any subsequent changes to source files not considered)
- source code can be found in `clang-tools-extra/clang-query` directory of LLVM Git repository
- completion functionality requires LLVM/Clang built to use Editline library (a.k.a. libedit)?
- for more information, see:
 - <https://firefox-source-docs.mozilla.org/code-quality/static-analysis/writing-new/clang-query.html>

example_1.cpp

```

1  #include <iostream>
2  int square(int x) {return x * x;}
3  int cube(int x) {return x * x * x;}
4  int main() {
5      std::cout << square(2) + square(3) << '\n';
6      std::cout << cube(42) << '\n';
7  }

```

Command Line Invocation of clang-query Program

```
clang-query example_1.cpp
```

Input to clang-query Program

```

set bind-root false
m callExpr(callee(functionDecl(hasName("square")))).bind("call")

```

Output from clang-query Program

```

Match #1:

/home/jdoe/example_1.cpp:5:15: note: "call" binds here
    std::cout << square(2) + square(3) << '\n';
                        ^~~~~~

Match #2:

/home/jdoe/example_1.cpp:5:27: note: "call" binds here
    std::cout << square(2) + square(3) << '\n';
                        ^~~~~~

2 matches.

```

Another clang-query Example

example_13.cpp

```
1 int g = 42;
2 int foo(int n) {
3     static int c = 0;
4     return n * ++g * ++c;
5 }
```

Input to clang-query Program

```
set bind-root false
m declRefExpr(to(varDecl(unless(isStaticStorageClass()))).bind("d")).bind("r")
```

Output from clang-query Program

```
Match #1:
/home/jdoe/example_13.cpp:2:9: note: "d" binds here
int foo(int n) {
    ^~~~~~
/home/jdoe/example_13.cpp:4:9: note: "r" binds here
    return n * ++g * ++c;
           ^

Match #2:
/home/jdoe/example_13.cpp:1:1: note: "d" binds here
int g = 42;
^~~~~~
/home/jdoe/example_13.cpp:4:15: note: "r" binds here
    return n * ++g * ++c;
                ^

2 matches.
```


- Clang generates many AST nodes for constructs not spelled explicitly in source
- in `clang-query`, all implicit AST nodes can be ignored when matching by using:

```
set traversal IgnoreUnlessSpelledInSource
```

Implicit AST Nodes Example

- consider following AST matcher expression, which matches all type declarations:
`type()`
- consider running above matcher on empty (i.e., zero-length) C++ source file
- if all AST nodes considered, several matches occur due to nodes corresponding to some special pre-defined types, such as:
 - `__int128`
 - **unsigned** `__int128`
- if `IgnoreUnlessSpelledInSource` specified, no matches found (as expected)

clang-query program invoked to process empty C++ source file

Input commands for clang-query program

```
set output print
set traversal AsIs
match type()
```

Output from clang-query program

```
Match #1:
Binding for "root":
__int128
Match #2:
Binding for "root":
unsigned __int128
Match #3:
Binding for "root":
__NSConstantString_tag
Match #4:
Binding for "root":
char *
Match #5:
Binding for "root":
char
Match #6:
Binding for "root":
__va_list_tag [1]
Match #7:
Binding for "root":
__va_list_tag
7 matches.
```

clang-query program invoked to process empty C++ source file

Input commands for clang-query program

```
set output print
set traversal IgnoreUnlessSpelledInSource
match type()
```

Output from clang-query program

```
0 matches.
```

Determining AST Matcher Expression

- dump AST for code of interest to determine particular structure to be matched
- use `clang-query` program to assist in selection of appropriate matcher expression
- use expression in source code of Clang tool being developed

- consider matching all **for** statements in C++ source code
- use `clang-query` to help guide process

Section 3.10.3

Finding AST Nodes With AST Matchers

Key Classes Associated with AST Matchers

- `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder` class:
 - provides mechanism for traversing AST in order to find matching nodes
- **matcher class**, normally chosen from one of numerous matcher classes in `clang::ast_matchers`:
 - holds predicate used to determine if node is match
- **match-callback class**, derived from `clang::ast_matchers::MatchCallback`:
 - specifies actions to be taken when match found
- `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder::MatchResult` class:
 - holds match result

- `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder` class provides mechanism for finding matches over AST
- after creation, can add one or more matchers via calls to `addMatcher`
- `addMatcher` has several overloads with signature of form:
`void addMatcher(MatcherType&, MatchCallback*)`
- `newASTConsumer` method returns AST consumer that will trigger specified callbacks at appropriate points in matching process
- can generate frontend-action factory for `MatchFinder` using overload of `clang::tooling::newFrontendActionFactory` function (see https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/namespaceclang_1_1tooling.html#a2e8ce7afec3d75043d937692e393fe7f)
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1ast_matchers_1_1MatchFinder.html

- `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder::MatchResult` class holds all information for match found
- public data members of class include:
 - `Nodes`: collection of nodes bound on current match, represented by `BoundNodes` class
 - `Context`: `ASTContext` instance associated with match
 - `SourceManager`: `SourceManager` instance associated with match
- `BoundNodes` type provides `getNodeAs` template member function which can be used to obtain pointer to matched node bound to particular name
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/structclang_1_1ast_matchers_1_1MatchFinder_1_1MatchResult.html

- `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder::MatchCallback` class provides abstract interface for specifying callbacks that are invoked at particular stages of matching process
- each callback is virtual function
- library user inherits from `MatchCallback` class and provides desired behavior by overriding appropriate virtual functions
- some callbacks include:
 - `run`: called for each match
 - `onStartOfTranslationUnit`: called at start of each translation unit
 - `onEndOfTranslationUnit`: called at end of each translation unit
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1ast_matchers_1_1MatchFinder_1_1MatchCallback.html

Writing a Simple AST Matcher Program

- at code development time:
 - create match-callback type that derives from `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder::MatchCallback`
 - override `run` method to handle each match result found
 - for each pattern of interest in AST, write matcher (of appropriate matcher type) that matches pattern
- at run time:
 - 1 create instance of match-callback type
 - 2 create `clang::ast_matchers::MatchFinder` instance
 - 3 add each matcher to `MatchFinder` instance via `addMatcher` method
 - 4 use `MatchFinder` instance to generate AST frontend-action factory (e.g., by using `clang::tooling::newFrontendActionFactory`)
 - 5 create `clang::tooling::ClangTool` instance
 - 6 invoke `run` method of `ClangTool` instance with (above) frontend-action factory to generate AST for each source file and perform AST matching

AST Matcher Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_matcher_1` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files
- uses AST matcher to find each instance of call to function specified on command line
- for each function call found, program prints lines of source code containing function call
- when looking for calls to function `foo`, output might resemble something like:

```
match at /home/jdoe/example_1.cpp:14(10)-18(2):
  14:   int i = foo(
  15:     1,
  16:     2,
  17:     3
  18:   );
match at /home/jdoe/example_1.cpp:19(10)-19(21):
  19:   int j = foo(4, 5, 6);
```

AST Matcher Example: `main.cpp` (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
3  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
4  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
5  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
6  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
7  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
8  #include "utilities.hpp"
9
10 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
11 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
12
13 clang::SourceLocation getLineStart(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
14     clang::SourceLocation loc) {
15     return sourceManager.translateLineCol(sourceManager.getFileID(loc),
16     sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(loc), 1);
17 }
18
19 clang::SourceLocation getLineEnd(const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager,
20     clang::SourceLocation loc) {
21     return sourceManager.translateLineCol(sourceManager.getFileID(loc),
22     sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(loc), ~0);
23 }
```

AST Matcher Example: main.cpp (2)

```
25 struct MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
26     void run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) override {
27         clang::SourceManager& sourceManager = *result.SourceManager;
28         if (auto p = result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::CallExpr>("call")) {
29             clang::SourceLocation startLoc = p->getBeginLoc();
30             clang::SourceLocation endLoc = p->getEndLoc();
31             llvm::outs() << std::format("match at {}:\n", rangeToString(
32                 sourceManager, clang::SourceRange(startLoc, endLoc)));
33             clang::SourceLocation lineStartLoc = getLineStart(sourceManager,
34                 startLoc);
35             clang::SourceLocation lineEndLoc = getLineEnd(sourceManager,
36                 endLoc);
37             unsigned int startLineNo = sourceManager.getSpellingLineNumber(
38                 lineStartLoc);
39             std::string text = getSourceText(sourceManager,
40                 clang::SourceRange(lineStartLoc, lineEndLoc));
41             llvm::outs() << addLineNumbers(text, startLineNo) << "\n";
42         }
43     }
44 };
45
46 cam::StatementMatcher getMatcher(const std::string& funcName) {
47     using namespace cam;
48     return callExpr(callee(functionDecl(hasName(funcName)))) .bind("call");
49 }
```

AST Matcher Example: main.cpp (3)

```
51 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory optionCategory("Tool options");
52 static llvm::cl::opt<std::string> clFuncName(
53     "f", llvm::cl::desc("Function name"), llvm::cl::value_desc("function_name"),
54     llvm::cl::cat(optionCategory), llvm::cl::Required);
55 ;
56
57 int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
58     auto expectedParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc, argv,
59     optionCategory);
60     if (!expectedParser) {
61         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedParser.takeError());
62         return 1;
63     }
64     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = expectedParser.get();
65     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
66     optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
67     MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
68     cam::StatementMatcher matcher = getMatcher(clFuncName);
69     cam::MatchFinder matchFinder;
70     matchFinder.addMatcher(matcher, &matchCallback);
71     return tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory(&matchFinder).get());
72 }
```


Section 3.10.4

Custom AST Matchers

Macros for Defining AST Matchers

- numerous macros provided for defining new AST matchers
- family of macros for defining AST matcher by specifying *predicate*, including:
 - `AST_MATCHER`, `AST_MATCHER_P`, `AST_MATCHER_P_OVERLOAD`, `AST_MATCHER_P2`, `AST_MATCHER_P2_OVERLOAD`
 - `AST_POLYMORPHIC_MATCHER`, `AST_POLYMORPHIC_MATCHER_P`, `AST_POLYMORPHIC_MATCHER_P_OVERLOAD`, `AST_POLYMORPHIC_MATCHER_P2`, `AST_POLYMORPHIC_MATCHER_P2_OVERLOAD`
- family of macros for defining AST matcher by specifying *matcher factory function*, including:
 - `AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION`, `AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION_P`, `AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION_P_OVERLOAD`
- numerous other macros for defining AST matchers (e.g., for handling traverse matchers and regex parameters)
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/ASTMatchersMacros_8h.html

- syntax:

```
AST_MATCHER(Type, DefineMatcher)
```

- defines *zero-parameter predicate* on nodes of type `Type` invoked via function named `DefineMatcher`

- predicate returns `bool` indicating if node matches

- provides variables:

- Node: AST node being matched (of type `const Type&`)
- Finder: AST match finder (of type `clang::ast_matchers::internal::ASTMatchFinder*`)
- Builder: builder (of type `clang::ast_matchers::internal::BoundNodesTreeBuilder*`)

- syntax:

```
AST_MATCHER_P(Type, DefineMatcher, ParamType, Param)
```

- defines *single-parameter predicate* on nodes of type `Type` invoked via function named `DefineMatcher`

- predicate returns `bool` indicating if node matches

- parameter named `Param1` (of type `ParamType1`)

- provides variables:

- Node: AST node being matched (of type `const Type&`)

- Finder: AST match finder (of type `clang::ast_matchers::internal::ASTMatchFinder*`)

- Builder: builder (of type `clang::ast_matchers::internal::BoundNodesTreeBuilder*`)

- `AST_MATCHER_P_OVERLOAD` macro similar to `AST_MATCHER_P` macro, except adds extra ID parameter used to disambiguate overloads of overloaded predicate

- syntax:

```
AST_MATCHER_P2 (Type, DefineMatcher, ParamType1, Param1,  
               ParamType2, Param2)
```

- defines *two-parameter predicate* on nodes of type `Type` invoked via function named `DefineMatcher`
- parameters named `Param1` (of type `ParamType1`) and `Param2` (of type `ParamType2`)
- predicate returns `bool` indicating if node matches
- provides variables:
 - Node: AST node being matched (of type `const Type&`)
 - Finder: AST match finder (of type `clang::ast_matchers::internal::ASTMatchFinder*`)
 - Builder: builder (of type `clang::ast_matchers::internal::BoundNodesTreeBuilder*`)
- `AST_MATCHER_P2_OVERLOAD` macro similar to `AST_MATCHER_P2`, except adds extra ID parameter used to disambiguate overloads of overloaded predicate

Macros for Defining AST Matchers via Factory Functions

- several macros provided for defining custom AST matchers by specifying factory function for matcher instances
- `AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION` macro
 - syntax:
`AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION(ReturnType, DefineMatcher)`
 - defines *zero-parameter* function named `DefineMatcher` that returns *matcher instance* (of type `ReturnType`)
- `AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION_P` macro
 - syntax:
`AST_MATCHER_FUNCTION_P(ReturnType, DefineMatcher, ParamType, Param)`
 - defines *single-parameter* function named `DefineMatcher` that returns *matcher instance* (of type `ReturnType`)
 - variable `Param` used for parameter (of type `ParamType`) passed to function

AST Matcher Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_matcher_2` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files
- uses AST matcher to find each instance of node that matches criteria selected on command line
- for each match found, program prints source code associated with match
- demonstrates use of macros like `AST_MATCHER`, `AST_MATCHER_P`, and `AST_MATCHER_P2`
- demonstrates use of `clang::ast_matchers::traverse` to control if implicit nodes should be ignored

AST Matcher Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
3  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
4  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
5  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
6  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
7  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
8  #include "utilities2.hpp"
9
10 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
11 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
12
13 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory optionCategory("Tool options");
14 static llvm::cl::opt<int> clMatcherId("m", llvm::cl::desc("Matcher ID"),
15   llvm::cl::value_desc("matcher_id"), llvm::cl::cat(optionCategory),
16   llvm::cl::init(0));
17 static llvm::cl::opt<bool> clAllNodes("a", llvm::cl::desc("all nodes"),
18   llvm::cl::cat(optionCategory), llvm::cl::init(false));
19
20 AST_MATCHER(clang::CXXMethodDecl, isSpecialMember) {
21   if (auto p = llvm::dyn_cast<clang::CXXConstructorDecl>(&Node)) {
22     return p->isDefaultConstructor() || p->isCopyConstructor() ||
23     p->isMoveConstructor();
24   } else if (auto p = llvm::dyn_cast<clang::CXXDestructorDecl>(&Node)) {
25     return true;
26   } else {
27     return Node.isCopyAssignmentOperator() ||
28     Node.isMoveAssignmentOperator();
29   }
30 }
```


AST Matcher Example: `main.cpp` (2)

```
32 AST_MATCHER_P(clang::CXXMethodDecl, paramCountAtLeast, unsigned, threshold) {
33     return Node.param_size() >= threshold;
34 }
35
36 AST_MATCHER_P2(clang::NamedDecl, nameLengthBetween, unsigned, low, unsigned,
37     high) {
38     return Node.getIdentifier() && Node.getName().size() >= low &&
39         Node.getName().size() <= high;
40 }
41
42 cam::DeclarationMatcher getMatcher(int id) {
43     using namespace cam;
44     switch (id) {
45     default:
46     case 0:
47         return cxxMethodDecl(isDefinition(), isSpecialMember()).bind("x");
48     case 1:
49         return cxxMethodDecl(paramCountAtLeast(4)).bind("x");
50     case 2:
51         return namedDecl(nameLengthBetween(3, 4)).bind("x");
52     }
53 }
```

AST Matcher Example: main.cpp (3)

```
55 class MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
56 public:
57     MyMatchCallback() : count_(0) {}
58     void run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) override {
59         const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager = *result.SourceManager;
60         clang::SourceRange sourceRange;
61         std::string nodeType;
62         if (auto p = result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::CXXMethodDecl>("x")) {
63             nodeType = "CXXMethodDecl";
64             sourceRange = p->getSourceRange();
65         } else if (auto p = result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::FunctionDecl>("x")) {
66             nodeType = "FunctionDecl";
67             sourceRange = p->getSourceRange();
68         }
69         if (sourceRange.isValid()) {
70             llvm::outs() << std::format("found matching {} at {}\\n", nodeType,
71                 locationToString(sourceManager, sourceRange.getBegin(), true));
72             sourceRange.setBegin(sourceManager.getSpellingLoc(sourceRange.getBegin()));
73             sourceRange.setEnd(sourceManager.getSpellingLoc(sourceRange.getEnd()));
74             sourceRange.setEnd(getEndOfToken(sourceManager,
75                 sourceRange.getEnd()));
76             if (sourceRange.isValid()) {
77                 llvm::outs() << getSourceTextRaw(sourceManager, sourceRange) << '\\n';
78             }
79         }
80         ++count_;
81     }
82     unsigned getCount() const {return count_;}
83 private:
84     unsigned count_;
85 };
```

```

87 int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
88     auto expectedParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc, argv,
89     optionCategory);
90     if (!expectedParser) {
91         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedParser.takeError());
92         return 1;
93     }
94     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = expectedParser.get();
95     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
96     optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
97     cam::DeclarationMatcher matcher = getMatcher(clMatcherId);
98     if (!clAllNodes) {
99         matcher = clang::ast_matchers::traverse(
100             clang::TK_IgnoreUnlessSpelledInSource, matcher);
101     }
102     MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
103     cam::MatchFinder matchFinder;
104     matchFinder.addMatcher(matcher, &matchCallback);
105     int status = tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory(&matchFinder).get());
106     llvm::outs() << std::format("number of matches: {}\n",
107     matchCallback.getCount());
108     return !status ? 0 : 1;
109 }

```

Section 3.10.5

AST Visitors Versus AST Matchers

AST Visitors Versus AST Matchers

- use of AST matchers can often result in more concise code (relative to AST visitors) by eliminating boilerplate
- for example, if pattern involves descendants/ancestors, approach based on AST visitor would need additional boilerplate to locate those descendants/ancestors, whereas in AST matcher case, library itself provides boilerplate to locate and bind to relevant nodes
- AST visitors can often be better suited to searching when patterns involve variable number of nodes and/or complex relationships between nodes
- use whichever approach best suited for task at hand

For-Statement Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/ast_visitor_matcher_1` directory in companion repository
- run compiler frontend on specified source files
- for each non-member and member function containing at least one `for` statement (including range-based `for` statements), print maximum number of levels of nested `for` statements in function
- example output:

```
foo1c ... 1
foo2a ... 2
foo3a ... 3
(anonymous class)::operator() ... 1
main()::(anonymous class)::operator() ... 2
```

Visitor-Based For-Statement Example: visitor.cpp (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <stack>
3  #include <type_traits>
4  #include "clang/AST/ASTConsumer.h"
5  #include "clang/AST/RecursiveASTVisitor.h"
6  #include "clang/Frontend/CompilerInstance.h"
7  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
8  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
9  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
10 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
11
12 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
```

Visitor-Based For-Statement Example: visitor.cpp (2)

```
14 class MyAstVisitor : public clang::RecursiveASTVisitor<MyAstVisitor> {
15 public:
16     using Base = clang::RecursiveASTVisitor<MyAstVisitor>;
17     MyAstVisitor(clang::ASTContext& astContext) : astContext_(&astContext) {}
18     bool shouldVisitImplicitCode() const {return true;}
19     bool shouldVisitTemplateInstantiations() const {return true;}
20     bool TraverseFunctionDecl(clang::FunctionDecl* funcDecl)
21         {return handleFunc<clang::FunctionDecl>(funcDecl);}
22     bool TraverseCXXMethodDecl(clang::CXXMethodDecl* funcDecl)
23         {return handleFunc<clang::CXXMethodDecl>(funcDecl);}
24     bool TraverseForStmt(clang::ForStmt* forStmt)
25         {return handleFor<clang::ForStmt>(forStmt);}
26     bool TraverseCXXForRangeStmt(clang::CXXForRangeStmt* forStmt)
27         {return handleFor<clang::CXXForRangeStmt>(forStmt);}
28 private:
29     struct StackEntry {
30         const clang::FunctionDecl* funcDecl;
31         unsigned forDepth;
32         unsigned maxForDepth;
33     };
34     template<class NodeType> bool handleFunc(NodeType* funcDecl);
35     template<class NodeType> bool handleFor(NodeType* forStmt);
36     clang::ASTContext* astContext_;
37     std::stack<StackEntry> stack_;
38 };
```


Visitor-Based For-Statement Example: visitor.cpp (3)

```
40 template<class NodeType> bool MyAstVisitor::handleFunc(NodeType* funcDecl) {
41     const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager =
42         astContext->getSourceManager();
43     if (sourceManager.getFileID(funcDecl->getLocation()) !=
44         sourceManager.getMainFileID()) {return true;}
45     stack_.push({funcDecl, 0, 0});
46     bool result;
47     if constexpr (std::is_same_v<NodeType, clang::CXXMethodDecl>)
48         {result = Base::TraverseCXXMethodDecl(funcDecl);}
49     else {result = Base::TraverseFunctionDecl(funcDecl);}
50     if (stack_.top().maxForDepth > 0) {
51         llvm::outs() << std::format("{} ... {}\n",
52             stack_.top().funcDecl->getQualifiedNameAsString(),
53             stack_.top().maxForDepth);
54     }
55     stack_.pop();
56     return result;
57 }
58
59 template<class NodeType> bool MyAstVisitor::handleFor(NodeType* forStmt) {
60     if (stack_.empty()) {return true;}
61     StackEntry& top = stack_.top();
62     ++top.forDepth;
63     top.maxForDepth = std::max(top.maxForDepth, top.forDepth);
64     bool result;
65     if constexpr (std::is_same_v<NodeType, clang::CXXForRangeStmt>)
66         {result = Base::TraverseCXXForRangeStmt(forStmt);}
67     else {result = Base::TraverseForStmt(forStmt);}
68     --top.forDepth;
69     return result;
70 }
```

Visitor-Based For-Statement Example: visitor.cpp (4)

```
72 struct MyAstConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
73     void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext& astContext) final {
74         MyAstVisitor visitor(astContext);
75         visitor.TraverseDecl(astContext.getTranslationUnitDecl());
76     }
77 };
78
79 struct MyFrontendAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
80     std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer> CreateASTConsumer(
81         clang::CompilerInstance&, clang::StringRef fileName) final {
82         llvm::outs() << std::format("PROCESSING SOURCE FILE {}\n", fileName);
83         return std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer>{new MyAstConsumer};
84     }
85 };
86
87 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolOptions("Tool Options");
88
89 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
90     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
91         const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolOptions);
92     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
93         llvm::errs() << std::format("Unable to create option parser ({}).\n",
94             llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError()));
95         return 1;
96     }
97     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
98     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
99         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
100     int status = tool.run(
101         ct::newFrontendActionFactory<MyFrontendAction>().get());
102     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
103     return !status ? 0 : 1;
104 }
```

Matcher-Based For-Statement Example: `matcher.cpp` (1)

```
1 #include <cassert>
2 #include <format>
3 #include <map>
4 #include "clang/AST/ASTContext.h"
5 #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
6 #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
7 #include "clang/AST/ParentMapContext.h"
8 #include "clang/AST/RecursiveASTVisitor.h"
9 #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
10 #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
11 #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
12 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
13
14 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
15 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
```

Matcher-Based For-Statement Example: `matcher.cpp` (2)

```
17 template<class NodeType>
18 const NodeType* getParentOfStmt(clang::ASTContext& astContext,
19     const clang::Stmt* stmt) {
20     auto parents = astContext.getParents(*stmt);
21     const clang::Stmt* curStmt = nullptr;
22     const NodeType* parent = nullptr;
23     for (auto&& node : parents) {
24         if (auto p = node.get<NodeType>()) {
25             assert(!parent);
26             parent = p;
27         }
28     }
29     return parent;
30 }
31
32 unsigned getForDepth(clang::ASTContext& astContext,
33     const clang::Stmt* forStmt) {
34     assert(llvm::isa<clang::ForStmt>(forStmt) ||
35         llvm::isa<clang::CXXForRangeStmt>(forStmt));
36     unsigned count = 1;
37     const clang::Stmt* curStmt = forStmt;
38     while ((curStmt = getParentOfStmt<clang::Stmt>(astContext, curStmt))) {
39         if (llvm::isa<clang::ForStmt>(curStmt) ||
40             llvm::isa<clang::CXXForRangeStmt>(curStmt)) {++count;}
41     }
42     return count;
43 }
```

Matcher-Based For-Statement Example: `matcher.cpp` (3)

```
45 class MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
46 public:
47     void run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) final;
48     void onStartOfTranslationUnit() final {funcTab_.clear();}
49     void onEndOfTranslationUnit() final;
50 private:
51     using FuncTab = std::map<const clang::FunctionDecl*, unsigned>;
52     FuncTab funcTab_;
53 };
54
55 void MyMatchCallback::onEndOfTranslationUnit() {
56     for (auto [funcDecl, maxForDepth] : funcTab_) {
57         llvm::outs() << std::format("{} ... {}\\n",
58             funcDecl->getQualifiedNameAsString(), maxForDepth);
59     }
60     funcTab_.clear();
61 }
62
63 void MyMatchCallback::run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) {
64     const clang::SourceManager& sourceManager = *result.SourceManager;
65     auto forStmt = result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::Stmt>("for");
66     auto funcDecl = result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::FunctionDecl>("func");
67     if (funcDecl && forStmt) {
68         auto iter = funcTab_.find(funcDecl);
69         if (iter == funcTab_.end()) {
70             iter = funcTab_.insert(std::make_pair(funcDecl, 0)).first;
71         }
72         unsigned depth = getForDepth(*result.Context, forStmt);
73         iter->second = std::max(iter->second, depth);
74     }
75 }
```

Matcher-Based For-Statement Example: `matcher.cpp` (4)

```
77 cam::StatementMatcher getMatcher() {
78     using namespace cam;
79     auto f = anyOf(forStmt(), cxxForRangeStmt());
80     return stmt(f, hasAncestor(functionDecl(isExpansionInMainFile()).bind(
81         "func")), unless(hasDescendant(stmt(f))))).bind("for");
82 }
83
84 struct MyAstConsumer : public clang::ASTConsumer {
85     void HandleTranslationUnit(clang::ASTContext& astContext) final {
86         MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
87         cam::StatementMatcher matcher = getMatcher();
88         cam::MatchFinder matchFinder;
89         matchFinder.addMatcher(matcher, &matchCallback);
90         matchFinder.matchAST(astContext);
91     }
92 };
93
94 struct MyFrontendAction : public clang::ASTFrontendAction {
95     std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer> CreateASTConsumer(
96         clang::CompilerInstance&, clang::StringRef fileName) final {
97         llvm::outs() << std::format("PROCESSING SOURCE FILE {}\n", fileName);
98         return std::unique_ptr<clang::ASTConsumer>{new MyAstConsumer};
99     }
100 };
```

```
102 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory optionCategory("Tool options");
103
104 int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
105     auto expectedParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc, argv,
106         optionCategory);
107     if (!expectedParser) {
108         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedParser.takeError());
109         return 1;
110     }
111     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = expectedParser.get();
112     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
113         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
114     int status = tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory<MyFrontendAction>().get());
115     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
116     return !status ? 0 : 1;
117 }
```

Section 3.10.6

References

- various talks and articles by Stephen Kelly (as well as talks/articles by Eli Bendersky and others) listed in References section
- search for “[clang-ast-matchers]” on StackOverflow
- some examples of AST matchers can be found in <https://github.com/lanl/CoARCT>

Section 3.11

Control-Flow Graphs (CFGs)

- clang::CFG class represents **control-flow graph (CFG)** corresponding to source-level intra-procedural control-flow of Stmt (i.e., statement)
- CFG object is essentially collection of CFGBlock elements, which represent basic blocks in CFG
- CFG object always has two dummy blocks, designating entry and exit points of CFG
- some nonstatic methods provided by class include:
 - begin and end: return range corresponding to blocks in CFG
 - size: get number of blocks in CFG
 - isLinear: return true if CFG has no branches
- clang::CFG::BuildCFG factory function provided for building CFG corresponding to Stmt node in AST (such as compound statement comprising function body)
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CFG.html

CFG Pretty Printer Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/dump_cfg` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files to produce AST
- uses AST matcher to find functions whose name matches regular expression
- for each function found, CFG is generated
- information about CFG is output using pretty-print functionality of Clang libraries

CFG Pretty Printer Example: Sample Program Output

Input Source File

```
int abs(int x) {  
    if (x < 0) {return -x;}  
    return x;  
}
```

Program Output

```
FUNCTION: abs  
  
[B4 (ENTRY)]  
  Succs (1): B3  
  
[B1]  
  1: x (ImplicitCastExpr, LValueToRValue, int)  
  2: return [B1.1];  
  Preds (1): B3  
  Succs (1): B0  
  
[B2]  
  1: -x  
  2: return [B2.1];  
  Preds (1): B3  
  Succs (1): B0  
  
[B3]  
  1: x < 0  
  T: if [B3.1]  
  Preds (1): B4  
  Succs (2): B2 B1  
  
[B0 (EXIT)]  
  Preds (2): B1 B2
```

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <string>
3  #include "clang/Analysis/CFG.h"
4  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
5  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
6  #include "clang/Basic/LangOptions.h"
7  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
8  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
9  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
10 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
11
12 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
13 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
14 namespace lc = llvm::cl;
15
16 static lc::OptionCategory toolCategory("Tool Options");
17 static lc::opt<std::string> clFuncNamePattern("f", lc::cat(toolCategory),
18     lc::init(".*"));
19 static lc::opt<bool> clUseColor("c", lc::cat(toolCategory), lc::init(false));
```

CFG Pretty Printer Example: main.cpp (2)

```
21 cam::DeclarationMatcher getFuncMatcher(const std::string& namePattern)
22     {return cam::functionDecl(cam::matchesName(namePattern)).bind("func");}
23
24 struct MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
25     virtual void run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) final {
26         if (const auto* funcDecl =
27             result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::FunctionDecl>("func")) {
28             clang::ASTContext *astContext = result.Context;
29             clang::Stmt *funcBody = funcDecl->getBody();
30             if (!funcBody) {return;}
31             llvm::outs() << std::format("FUNCTION: {}\\n",
32                 funcDecl->getQualifiedAsString());
33             std::unique_ptr<clang::CFG> cfg = clang::CFG::buildCFG(
34                 funcDecl, funcBody, astContext, clang::CFG::BuildOptions());
35             if (!cfg) {
36                 llvm::outs() << "unable to generate CFG\\n";
37                 return;
38             }
39             auto langOpts = astContext->getLangOpts();
40             cfg->print(llvm::outs(), langOpts, clUseColor);
41         }
42     }
43 };
```

```
45 int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
46     llvm::Expected<ct::CommonOptionsParser> expOptionsParser =
47     ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc, argv, toolCategory);
48     if (!expOptionsParser) {
49         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expOptionsParser.takeError());
50         return 1;
51     }
52     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expOptionsParser;
53     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
54         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
55     cam::DeclarationMatcher funcMatcher = getFuncMatcher(clFuncNamePattern);
56     MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
57     cam::MatchFinder finder;
58     finder.addMatcher(funcMatcher, &matchCallback);
59     int status = tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory(&finder).get());
60     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error occurred\n";}
61     return !status ? 0 : 1;
62 }
```


- `clang::CFGBlock` class represents single basic block in CFG
- `CFGBlock` object consists of:
 - set of statements/expressions (which may contain subexpressions)
 - terminator statement (not in set of statements), which represents type of control-flow that occurs at end of basic block
 - list of successors (where order is not arbitrary)
 - list of predecessors (where order is arbitrary)
- some methods provided by class include:
 - `begin` and `end`: return range corresponding to elements in block (e.g., statements)
 - `size`: get number of elements in block
 - `succ_begin` and `succ_end`: return range corresponding to blocks that are successors to block
 - `succ_size`: get number of successor blocks
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CFGBlock.html

- `clang::CFGElement` class represents top-level expression in basic block
- some methods provided by class include:
 - `dumpToStream`: outputs information about element to stream in human-readable format
 - `getKind`: get kind of element (e.g., statement, constructor)
 - `getAs`: get as specified type or return empty optional if does not have specified type
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CFGElement.html

Cyclomatic-Complexity Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/cyclomatic_complexity` directory in companion repository
- [cyclomatic \(a.k.a., McCabe\) complexity](#) is measure of code complexity
- cyclomatic complexity $M = E - N + 2P$, where E is number of edges, N is number of nodes, P is number of connected components
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files to produce AST
- uses AST matcher to find function definitions
- for each function definition, program does following:
 - constructs CFG for function
 - computes cyclomatic complexity of function
 - if complexity not less than specified threshold, prints complexity information for function
- complexity threshold can be specified as command-line option
- output resembles something like:

```
identity 1
abs 2
foo 6
```

Cyclomatic-Complexity Example: `matcher.cpp` (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include "clang/Analysis/CFG.h"
3  #include "clang/AST/ASTContext.h"
4  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
5  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
6  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
7  #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
8  #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
9  #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
10
11 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
12 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
13
14 static llvm::cl::OptionCategory toolCategory("Tool Options");
15 static llvm::cl::opt<unsigned int> thresholdOption("t",
16     llvm::cl::init(0), llvm::cl::desc("Set complexity threshold."),
17     llvm::cl::cat(toolCategory));
```

Cyclomatic-Complexity Example: matcher.cpp (2)

```
19 int cyclomaticComplexity(const clang::FunctionDecl& funcDecl,
20 clang::ASTContext& astContext) {
21     const auto cfg = clang::CFG::buildCFG(&funcDecl, funcDecl.getBody(),
22     &astContext, clang::CFG::BuildOptions());
23     if (!cfg) {return -1;}
24     const int numNodes = cfg->size() - 2;
25     int numEdges = 0;
26     for (const auto* block : *cfg) {numEdges += block->succ_size();}
27     numEdges -= 2;
28     return numEdges - numNodes + (2 * 1);
29 }
30
31 struct MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
32     using MatchResult = cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult;
33     void run(const MatchResult& result) override {
34         const auto* function =
35             result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::FunctionDecl>("f");
36         std::string s = function->getQualifiedAsString();
37         int complexity = cyclomaticComplexity(*function,
38         *result.Context);
39         if (complexity >= 0 && complexity >= thresholdOption) {
40             llvm::outs() << std::format("{} {} \n", s, complexity);
41         }
42     }
43 };
```

Cyclomatic-Complexity Example: `matcher.cpp` (3)

```
45 int main(int argc, char** argv) {
46     auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
47     const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolCategory);
48     if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
49         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError());
50         return 1;
51     }
52     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
53     auto matcher =
54         cam::functionDecl(cam::isExpansionInMainFile()).bind("f");
55     MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
56     cam::MatchFinder matchFinder;
57     matchFinder.addMatcher(matcher, &matchCallback);
58     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
59     optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
60     auto status =
61         tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory(&matchFinder).get());
62     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error detected\n";}
63     return !status ? 0 : 1;
64 }
```

CFG Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/cfg_1` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files to produce AST
- uses AST matcher to find functions (or functions with specified name)
- for each function found, program generates CFG for function and prints information about CFG blocks and elements
- output resembles something like:

```
FUNCTION: main
block: 0 (exit)
block: 1
successors: 0
statement: 0
statement: return 0;
block: 2
successors: 0
statement: 1
statement: return 1;
block: 3
successors: 2 1
statement: argc != 1
block: 4 (entry)
successors: 3
```

CFG Example: `cfg.cpp` (1)

```
1  #include <format>
2  #include <map>
3  #include <string>
4  #include "clang/Analysis/CFG.h"
5  #include "clang/AST/ASTContext.h"
6  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
7  #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
8  #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendAction.h"
9  #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
10 #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
11 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
12 #include "llvm/Support/raw_ostream.h"
13
14 namespace lc = llvm::cl;
15 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
16 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
17
18 static lc::OptionCategory toolCategory("Tool Options");
19 static lc::opt<std::string> clFuncName("f", lc::cat(toolCategory));
20
21 std::string toString(clang::CFGElement::Kind kind) {
22     const std::map<clang::CFGElement::Kind, std::string> lut{
23         {clang::CFGElement::Kind::Statement, "statement"},
24         {clang::CFGElement::Kind::Constructor, "constructor"},
25         {clang::CFGElement::Kind::CXXRecordTypedCall, "recordTypedCall"},
26     };
27     auto i = lut.find(kind);
28     return std::format("{} ", (i != lut.end() ? i->second : "unknown"));
29 }
```


CFG Example: cfg.cpp (2)

```
31 void printBlock(llvm::raw_ostream& out, const clang::CFG& cfg,
32               const clang::CFGBlock& block) {
33     out << std::format("block: {}", block.BlockID);
34     if (&block == &cfg.getEntry()) {out << " (entry)";}
35     if (&block == &cfg.getExit()) {out << " (exit)";}
36     if (block.hasNoReturnElement()) {out << " (noreturn)";}
37     out << '\n';
38     if (block.succ_size()) {
39         out << "successors:";
40         for (auto succBlockIter = block.succ_begin(); succBlockIter !=
41             block.succ_end(); ++succBlockIter) {
42             out << std::format(" {}", (*succBlockIter) ? std::format("{} ",
43                 (*succBlockIter)->BlockID) : "invalid");
44         }
45         out << '\n';
46     }
47     for (auto elemIter = block.begin(); elemIter != block.end(); ++elemIter) {
48         out << std::format("{}: ", toString(elemIter->getKind()));
49         elemIter->dumpToStream(out);
50     }
51 }
52
53 void processFunc(const clang::FunctionDecl& funcDecl, clang::ASTContext&
54                astContext) {
55     llvm::outs() << std::format("FUNCTION: {}\n",
56                               funcDecl.getQualifiedNameAsString());
57     const auto cfg = clang::CFG::buildCFG(&funcDecl, funcDecl.getBody(),
58     &astContext, clang::CFG::BuildOptions());
59     if (!cfg) {return;}
60     for (auto blockIter = cfg->nodes_begin(); blockIter != cfg->nodes_end();
61         ++blockIter) {printBlock(llvm::outs(), *cfg, **blockIter);}
62 }
```

CFG Example: `cfg.cpp` (3)

```
64  cam::DeclarationMatcher getFuncMatcher(const std::string& name) {
65      return (name.size() ? cam::functionDecl(cam::hasName(name)) :
66             cam::functionDecl()).bind("func");
67  }
68
69  struct MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
70      virtual void run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) final {
71          if (const auto* funcDecl =
72              result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::FunctionDecl>("func")) {
73              if (const clang::Stmt *funcBody = funcDecl->getBody())
74                  {processFunc(*funcDecl, *result.Context);}
75          }
76      };
77  };
78
79  int main(int argc, char** argv) {
80      auto expectedOptionsParser = ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc,
81                          const_cast<const char**>(argv), toolCategory);
82      if (!expectedOptionsParser) {
83          llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expectedOptionsParser.takeError());
84          return 1;
85      }
86      ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expectedOptionsParser;
87      ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
88                          optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
89      cam::DeclarationMatcher funcMatcher = getFuncMatcher(clFuncName);
90      MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
91      cam::MatchFinder finder;
92      finder.addMatcher(funcMatcher, &matchCallback);
93      int status = tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory(&finder).get());
94      if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error occurred\n";}
95      return !status ? 0 : 1;
96  }
```

Section 3.11.1

Code Analysis

- clang::AnalysisDeclContextManager class provides means to **create/manage** clang::AnalysisDeclContext instances
- AnalysisDeclContext class (to be discussed shortly) used to hold state needed for some types of code analysis
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1AnalysisDeclContextManager.html

- `clang::AnalysisDeclContext` class contains context data for function, method, or block under analysis
- holds CFG and CFG-related information
- can be used to perform various kinds of code analysis
- `getAnalysis` method:
 - factory function for generating code-analysis objects of various types
 - kind of analysis to perform specified via type template parameter
 - returns specified analysis object, lazily running analysis if necessary or `nullptr` if analysis could not run
 - example of analysis type: `clang::LiveVariables`
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1AnalysisDeclContext.html#details

- clang::LiveVariables class provides mechanism for performing live-variable analysis
- provides methods for querying if variable is live at various points (e.g., at end of specified block or at beginning of statement)
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1LiveVariables.html

Liveness-Analysis Example: Summary

- in `slides/examples/liveness_analysis` directory in companion repository
- runs compiler frontend on specified source files to produce AST
- uses AST matcher to find functions (or functions with specified name)
- for each function found, CFG for function is generated and liveness analysis is performed, and then results output
- sample output shown on next slide

Liveness-Analysis Example: Sample Program Output

Input Source File

```
1  int foo(int x, int y) { // B5 (entry)
2      int t = x * y; // B4.1
3      if ((x + 1) * (x - 1) == y) { // B4.2
4          t = 1; // B3
5      } else {
6          t = 2; // B2
7      }
8      return t; // B1
9  } // B0 (exit)
```

Program Output

```
FUNCTION: foo

[ B0 (live variables at block exit) ]

[ B1 (live variables at block exit) ]

[ B2 (live variables at block exit) ]
t </home/jdoe/example_3_b.cpp:2:6>

[ B3 (live variables at block exit) ]
t </home/jdoe/example_3_b.cpp:2:6>

[ B4 (live variables at block exit) ]

[ B5 (live variables at block exit) ]
x </home/jdoe/example_3_b.cpp:1:13>
y </home/jdoe/example_3_b.cpp:1:20>
```


Liveness-Analysis Example: `analyze.hpp`

```
1 #include "clang/AST/ASTContext.h"  
2 void analyzeFunc(clang::ASTContext& astContext, const clang::FunctionDecl*  
3   funcDecl, bool printCfg);
```

Liveness-Analysis Example: analyze.cpp

```
1 #include "clang/AST/ASTContext.h"
2 #include "clang/Analysis/CFG.h"
3 #include "clang/Analysis/AnalysisDeclContext.h"
4 #include "clang/Analysis/Analyses/LiveVariables.h"
5
6 void analyzeFunc(clang::ASTContext& astContext, const clang::FunctionDecl*
7   funcDecl, bool printCfg) {
8   clang::AnalysisDeclContextManager adcm(astContext);
9   clang::AnalysisDeclContext *adc = adcm.getContext(
10     llvm::cast<clang::Decl>(funcDecl));
11   assert(adc);
12   adc->getCFGBuildOptions().setAllAlwaysAdd();
13   const clang::CFG& cfg = *adc->getCFG();
14   if (printCfg)
15     {cfg.print(llvm::outs(), astContext.getLangOpts(), false);}
16   clang::LiveVariables *lv = adc->getAnalysis<clang::LiveVariables>();
17   if (!lv) {return;}
18   auto observer = std::make_unique<clang::LiveVariables::Observer>();
19   assert(observer);
20   lv->runOnAllBlocks(*observer);
21   lv->dumpBlockLiveness((funcDecl->getASTContext()).getSourceManager());
22 }
```

Liveness-Analysis Example: main.cpp (1)

```
1 #include <format>
2 #include <string>
3 #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchers.h"
4 #include "clang/ASTMatchers/ASTMatchFinder.h"
5 #include "clang/Frontend/FrontendActions.h"
6 #include "clang/Tooling/CommonOptionsParser.h"
7 #include "clang/Tooling/Tooling.h"
8 #include "llvm/Support/CommandLine.h"
9 #include "analyze.hpp"
10
11 namespace cam = clang::ast_matchers;
12 namespace ct = clang::tooling;
13 namespace lc = llvm::cl;
14
15 static lc::OptionCategory toolCategory("Tool Options");
16 static lc::opt<std::string> clFuncNamePattern("f", lc::cat(toolCategory),
17     lc::init(".*"));
18 static lc::opt<bool> clPrintCfg("c", lc::cat(toolCategory), lc::init(false));
19
20 struct MyMatchCallback : public cam::MatchFinder::MatchCallback {
21     virtual void run(const cam::MatchFinder::MatchResult& result) final {
22         if (auto funcDecl =
23             result.Nodes.getNodeAs<clang::FunctionDecl>("func")) {
24             clang::ASTContext *astContext = result.Context;
25             clang::Stmt *funcBody = funcDecl->getBody();
26             if (!funcBody) {return;}
27             llvm::outs() << std::format("FUNCTION: {}\\n",
28                 funcDecl->getQualifiedNameAsString());
29             analyzeFunc(*astContext, funcDecl, clPrintCfg);
30         }
31     }
32 };
```

Liveness-Analysis Example: main.cpp (2)

```
34 cam::DeclarationMatcher getFuncMatcher(const std::string& namePattern)
35     {return cam::functionDecl(cam::matchesName(namePattern)).bind("func");}
36
37 int main(int argc, const char **argv) {
38     llvm::Expected<ct::CommonOptionsParser> expOptionsParser =
39     ct::CommonOptionsParser::create(argc, argv, toolCategory);
40     if (!expOptionsParser) {
41         llvm::errs() << llvm::toString(expOptionsParser.takeError());
42         return 1;
43     }
44     ct::CommonOptionsParser& optionsParser = *expOptionsParser;
45     ct::ClangTool tool(optionsParser.getCompilations(),
46         optionsParser.getSourcePathList());
47     cam::DeclarationMatcher funcMatcher = getFuncMatcher(clFuncNamePattern);
48     MyMatchCallback matchCallback;
49     cam::MatchFinder finder;
50     finder.addMatcher(funcMatcher, &matchCallback);
51     int status = tool.run(ct::newFrontendActionFactory(&finder).get());
52     if (status) {llvm::errs() << "error occurred\n";}
53     return !status ? 0 : 1;
54 }
```

Section 3.12

Miscellany

A Few More Types

- `clang::DynTypedNode`
 - used to represent generic AST node
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1DynTypedNode.html
- `clang::DynTypedNodeList`
 - used to represent list of generic AST nodes
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1DynTypedNodeList.html
- `clang::CFGReverseBlockReachabilityAnalysis`
 - check if one block reachable from another block in CFG
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CFGReverseBlockReachabilityAnalysis.html#a73cec1b9cbbc6e2461470906e6a0720a
- `clang::CallGraph`
 - used for constructing AST-based call graph
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1CallGraph.html

Source-Code Comments and AST

- normally, comments discarded before AST is built
- including compiler option `-fparse-all-comments` will cause comments to be captured in AST
- some AST node types associated with comments (in `clang::comments` namespace) include (amongst many):
 - `BlockContentComment`
 - `FullComment`
 - `InlineContentComment`
 - `VerbatimBlockLineComment`
- HTML tags in comments represented explicitly in AST
- comments can be accessed via `Comments` member of `ASTContext`
- can get comments for `Decl` via `getCommentForDecl` member of `ASTContext`
- for more information, see:
 - https://clang.llvm.org/doxygen/classclang_1_1comments_1_1Comment.html

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