CPSC 213

Introduction to Computer Systems

Unit 1b

Static Scalars and Arrays

▸ Companion

- 2.4.1-2.4.3

▸ Textbook

- Array Allocation and Access
- 3.8

The Big Picture

▸ Build machine model of execution

- for Java and C programs
- by examining language features
- and deciding how they are implemented by the machine

▸ What is required

- design an ISA into which programs can be compiled
- implement the ISA in the hardware simulator

▸ Our approach

- examine code snippets that exemplify each language feature in turn
- look at Java and C, pausing to dig deeper when C is different from Java
- design and implement ISA as needed

▸ The simulator is an important tool

- machine execution is hard to visualize without it
- this visualization is really our WHOLE POINT here

Design Plan

Examine Java and C Bit by Bit

▸ Reading writing and arithmetic on Variables
- static base types (e.g., int, char)
- static and dynamic arrays of base types
- dynamically allocated objects and object references
- object instance variables
- procedure locals and arguments

▸ Control flow
- static intra-procedure control flow (e.g., if, for, while)
- static procedure calls
- dynamic control flow and polymorphic dispatch

Design Tasks

▸ Design Instructions for SM213 ISA
- design instructions necessary to implement the languages
- keep hardware simple/fast by adding as few/simple instructions possible

▸ Develop Compilation Strategy
- determine how compiler will compile each language feature it sees
- which instructions will it use?
- in what order?
- what can compiler compute statically?

▸ Consider Static and Dynamic Phases of Computation
- the static phase of computation (compilation) happens just once
- the dynamic phase (running the program) happens many times
- thus anything the compiler computes, saves execution time later

The Simple Machine (SM213) ISA

▸ Architecture
- Register File   8, 32-bit general purpose registers
- CPU   one cycle per instruction (fetch + execute)
- Main Memory   byte addressed, Big Endian integers

▸ Instruction Format
- 2 or 6 byte instructions (each character is a hexit)
  - **x–01**, **xx–01**, **x0vv** or **x–01 vvvvvvvv**
- where
  - **x** is *opcode* (unique identifier for this instruction)
  - **–** means unused
  - **0** and **1** are operands
  - **vv vvvvvvvv** are immediate / constant values

Machine and Assembly Syntax

▸ Machine code
- [addr:] x–01 [vvvvvvvv]
  - addr: sets starting address for subsequent instructions
  - x–01   hex value of instruction with opcode x and operands 0 and 1
  - vvvvvvvv   hex value of optional extended value part instruction

▸ Assembly code
- ([label:] [instruction | directive] [# comment] |)*
  - directive   :: (.pos number) | (.long number)
  - instruction :: opcode operand+
  - operand   :: $literal | reg | offset (reg) | (reg,reg,4)
  - reg   :: r 0..7
  - literal   :: number
  - offset   :: number
  - number   :: decimal | 0x hex

Register Transfer Language (RTL)

▸ Goal
- a simple, convenient pseudo language to describe instruction semantics
- easy to read and write, directly translated to machine steps

▸ Syntax
- each line is of the form LHS ← RHS
- LHS is memory or register specification
- RHS is constant, memory, or arithmetic expression on two registers

▸ Register and Memory are treated as arrays
- m[a] is memory location at address a
- r[i] is register number i

▸ For example
- r[0] ← 10
- r[1] ← m[r[0]]
- r[2] ← r[0] + r[1]

Static Variables of Built-In Types

Static Variables, Built-In Types (S1-global-static)

▸ Java
- static data members are allocated to a class, not an object
- they can store built-in scalar types or references to arrays or objects (references later)

```java
public class Foo {
  static int   a;
  static int[] b;   // array is not static, so skip for now

  public void foo () {
    a = 0;
  }}
```

▸ C
- global variables and any other variable declared static
- they can be static scalars, arrays or structs or pointers (pointers later)

```c
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a   = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

Static Variable Allocation

Static Memory Layout

```c
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a   = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

```c
int a;
int b[10];
```

```
0x1000: value of a
0x2000: value of b[0]
0x2004: value of b[1]
...
0x2020: value of b[9]
```

▸ Allocation is
- assigning a memory location to store variable's value
- assigning the variable an address (its name for reading and writing)

▸ Key observation
- global/static variables can exist before program starts and live until after it finishes

▸ Static vs dynamic computation
- compiler allocates variables, giving them a constant address
- no dynamic computation required to allocate the variables, they just exist

Static Variable Access (scalars)

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a   = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

a = 0;

b[a] = a;

Static Memory Layout

```
0x1000: value of a
0x2000: value of b[0]
0x2004: value of b[1]
...
0x2020: value of b[9]
```

▸ Key Observation
- address of **a**, **b[0]**, **b[1]**, **b[2]**, ... are constants known to the compiler

▸ Use RTL to specify instructions needed for **a = 0**

Generalizing
* What if it's a = a + 2? or a = b? or a = foo ()?
* What about reading the value of a?

Static Variable Access (static arrays)

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a   = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

a = 0;

b[a] = a;

Static Memory Layout

```
0x1000: value of a
0x2000: value of b[0]
0x2004: value of b[1]
...
0x2020: value of b[9]
```

▸ Key Observation
- compiler does not know address of **b[a]**
  - unless it can knows the value of a statically, which it could here by looking at a=0, but not in general

▸ Array access is computed from base and index
- address of element is *base* plus *offset*; *offset* is *index* times element size
- the base address (0x2000) and element size (4) are static, the index is dynamic

▸ Use RTL to specify instructions for **b[a] = a**, not knowing **a**?

Designing ISA for Static Variables

▸ Requirements for scalars a = 0;
- load constant into register
  - r[x] ← v
- store value in register into memory at constant address
  - m[0x1000] ← r[x]
- load value in memory at constant address into a register
  - r[x] ← m[0x1000]

▸ Additional requirements for arrays b[a] = a;
- store value in register into memory at address in register*4 plus constant
  - m[0x2000+r[x]*4] ← r[y]
- load value in memory at address in register*4 plus constant into register
  - r[y] ← m[0x2000+r[x]*4]

▸ Generalizing and simplifying we get
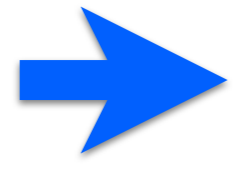- r[x] ← constant
- m[r[x]] ← r[y] and r[y] ← m[r[x]]
- m[r[x] + r[y]*4] ← r[z] and r[z] ← m[r[x] + r[y]*4]

▸ The compiler's semantic translation
- it uses these instructions to compile the program snippet

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a   = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```
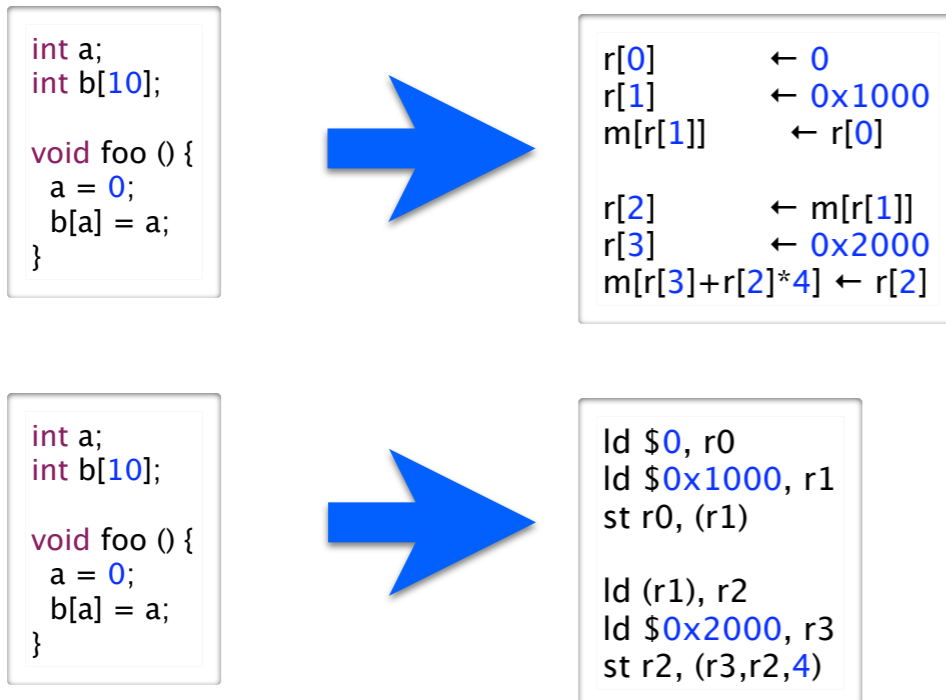
→

```
r[0]          ← 0
r[1]          ← 0x1000
m[r[1]]       ← r[0]

r[2]          ← m[r[1]]
r[3]          ← 0x2000
m[r[3]+r[2]*4] ← r[2]
```

▸ ISA Specification for these 5 instructions

Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
load immediate	r[**d**] ← **v**	ld $**v**, r**d**	**0d**-- **vvvvvvvv**
load base+offset	r[**d**] ← m[r[**s**]]	ld ?(r**s**), r**d**	**1**?**sd**
load indexed	r[**d**] ← m[r[**s**]+4*r[**i**]]	ld (r**s**,r**i**,4), r**d**	**2sid**
store base+offset	m[r[**d**]] ← r[**s**]	st r**s**, ?(r**d**)	**3s**?**d**
store indexed	m[r[**d**]+4*r[**i**]] ← r[**s**]	st r**s**, (r**d**,r**i**,4)	**4sdi**

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▸ The compiler's assembly translation

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

```
r[0]           ← 0
r[1]           ← 0x1000
m[r[1]]        ← r[0]

r[2]           ← m[r[1]]
r[3]           ← 0x2000
m[r[3]+r[2]*4] ← r[2]
```

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

```
ld $0, r0
ld $0x1000, r1
st r0, (r1)

ld (r1), r2
ld $0x2000, r3
st r2, (r3,r2,4)
```

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▸ If a human wrote this assembly

- list static allocations, use labels for addresses, add comments

```
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  a = 0;
  b[a] = a;
}
```

```
ld $0, r0        # r0 = 0
ld $a_data, r1   # r1 = address of a
st r0, (r1)      # a = 0

ld (r1), r2      # r2 = a
ld $b_data, r3   # r3 = address of b
st r2, (r3,r2,4) # b[a] = a

.pos 0x1000
a_data:
.long 0          # the variable a

.pos 0x2000
b_data:
.long 0          # the variable b[0]
.long 0          # the variable b[1]
...
.long 0          # the variable b[9]
```

Addressing Modes

▸ In these instructions

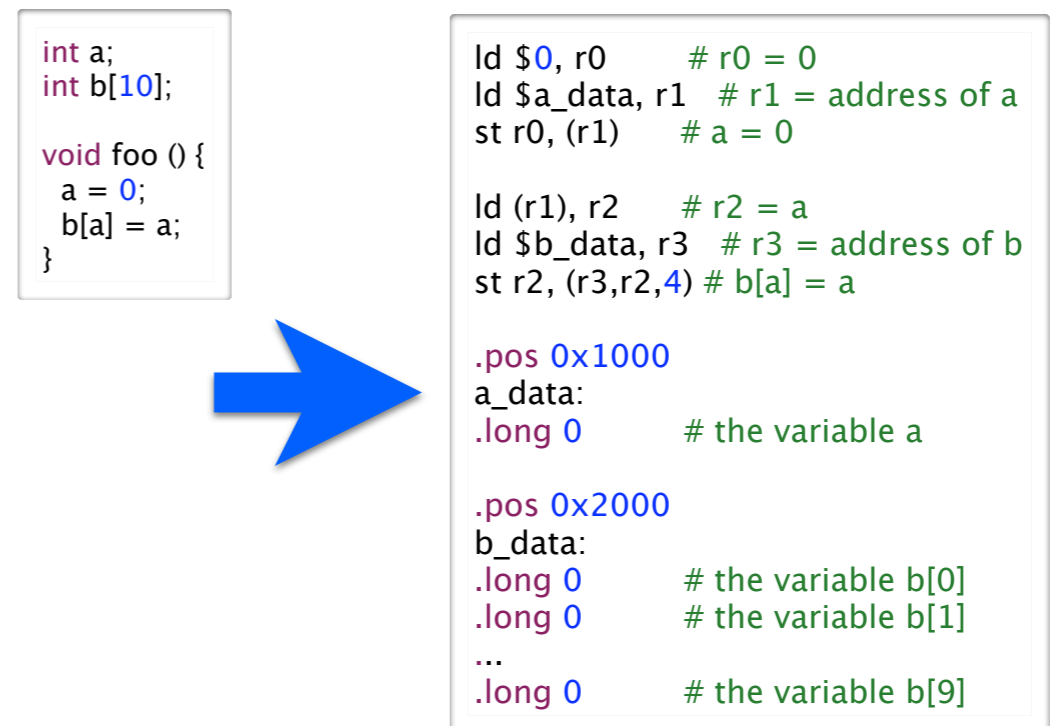| Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
load immediate	r[d] ← v	ld $v, rd	0d-- vvvvvvvv
load base+offset	r[d] ← m[?+r[s]]	ld ?(rs), rd	1?sd
load indexed	r[d] ← m[r[s]+4*r[i]]	ld (rs,ri,4), rd	2sid
store base+offset	m[?+r[d]] ← r[s]	st rs, ?(rd)	3s?d
store indexed	m[r[d]+4*r[i]] ← r[s]	st rs, (rd,ri,4)	4sdi

▸ We have specified 4 *addressing modes* for operands

- *immediate*   constant value stored in instruction
- *register*   operand is register number, register stores value
- *base+offset*   operand is register number,
  register stores memory address of value (+ offset)
- *indexed*   two register-number operands
  store base memory address and index of value

Basic Arithmetic, Shifting, NOP and Halt

▸ Arithmetic

Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
register move	r[d] ← r[s]	mov rs, rd	60sd
add	r[d] ← r[d] + r[s]	add rs, rd	61sd
and	r[d] ← r[d] & r[s]	and rs, rd	62sd
inc	r[d] ← r[d] + 1	inc rd	63-d
inc address	r[d] ← r[d] + 4	inca rd	64-d
dec	r[d] ← r[d] – 1	dec rd	65-d
dec address	r[d] ← r[d] – 4	deca rd	66-d
not	r[d] ← ~ r[d]	not rd	67-d

▸ Shifting, NOP and Halt

Name	Semantics	Assembly	Machine
shift left	r[d] ← r[d] << S = s	shl rd, s	7dSS
shift right	r[d] ← r[d] << S = –s	shr rd, s	
halt	halt machine	halt	f0--
nop	do nothing	nop	ff--

Global Dynamic Array

Global Dynamic Array

‣ Java

- array variable stores reference to array allocated dynamically with **new** statement

```java
public class Foo {
  static int a;
  static int b[] = new int[10];

  void foo () {
    b[a]=a;
  }}
```

‣ C

- array variables can store static arrays or
  pointers to arrays allocated dynamically with call to **malloc** library procedure

```c
int  a;
int* b;

void foo ()
  b = (int*) malloc (10*sizeof(int));
  b[a] = a;
}
```

malloc does not assign a type

\# of bytes to allocate

How C Arrays are Different from Java

‣ Terminology

- use the term **pointer** instead of **reference**; they mean the same thing

‣ Declaration

- the type is a pointer to the type of its elements, indicated with a *

‣ Allocation

- malloc allocates a block of bytes; no type; no constructor

‣ Type Safety

- any pointer can be type cast to any pointer type

‣ Bounds checking

- C performs no array bounds checking
- out-of-bounds access manipulates memory that is not part of array
- this is the major source of virus vulnerabilities in the world today

Question: Can array bounds checking be perform statically?
 * what does this say about a tradeoff that Java and C take differently?

Static vs Dynamic Arrays

‣ Declared and allocated differently, but accessed the same

```c
int a;
int b[10];

void foo () {
  b[a] = a;
}
```

```c
int  a;
int* b;

void foo () {
  b = (int*) malloc (10*sizeof(int));
  b[a] = a;
}
```

‣ Static allocation

- for static arrays, the compiler allocates the array
- for dynamic arrays, the compiler allocates a pointer

```
0x2000: value of b[0]
0x2004: value of b[1]
...
0x2024: value of b[9]
```
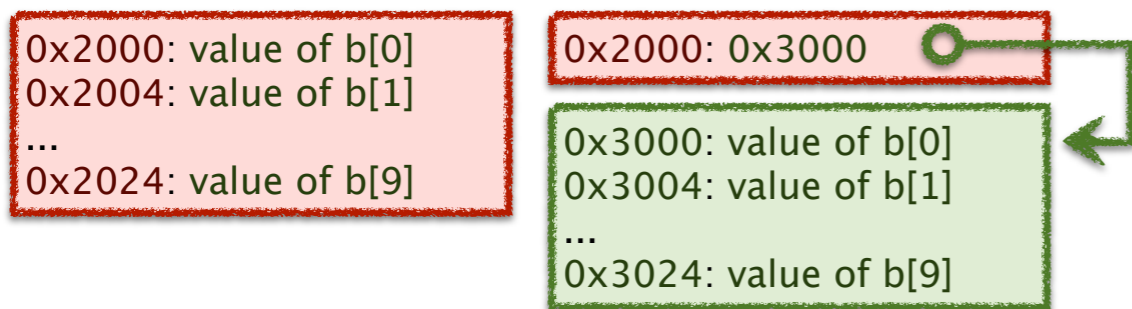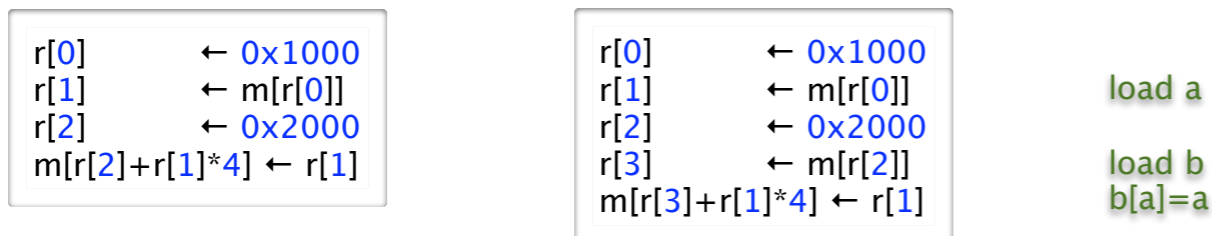
```
0x2000: value of b
```

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▸ Then when the program runs
- the dynamic array is allocated by a call to malloc, say at address 0x3000
- the value of variable b is set to the memory address of this array

```
0x2000: value of b[0]
0x2004: value of b[1]
...
0x2024: value of b[9]
```

```
0x2000: 0x3000  ○

0x3000: value of b[0]
0x3004: value of b[1]
...
0x3024: value of b[9]
```

▸ Generating code to access the array
- for the dynamic array, the compiler generates an additional load for b

```
r[0]          ← 0x1000
r[1]          ← m[r[0]]
r[2]          ← 0x2000
m[r[2]+r[1]*4] ← r[1]
```

```
r[0]          ← 0x1000        load a
r[1]          ← m[r[0]]
r[2]          ← 0x2000        load b
r[3]          ← m[r[2]]       b[a]=a
m[r[3]+r[1]*4] ← r[1]
```

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▸ In assembly language

Static Array

```
ld $a_data, r0   # r0 = address of a
ld (r0), r1      # r1 = a
ld $b_data, r2   # r2 = address of b
st r1, (r2,r1,4) # b[a] = a

.pos 0x1000
a_data:
.long 0          # the variable a

.pos 0x2000
b_data:
.long 0          # the variable b[0]
.long 0          # the variable b[1]
...
.long 0          # the variable b[9]
```

Dynamic Array

```
ld $a_data, r0   # r0 = address of a
ld (r0), r1      # r1 = a
ld $b_data, r2   # r2 = address of b
ld (r2), r3      # r3 = b
st r1, (r3,r1,4) # b[a] = a

.pos 0x1000
a_data:
.long 0          # the variable a

.pos 0x2000
b_data:
.long 0          # the b
```

▸ Comparing static and dynamic arrays
- what is the benefit of static arrays?
- what is the benefit of dynamic arrays?

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Pointers in C

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C and Java Arrays and Pointers

▸ In both languages
- an array is a list of items of the same type
- array elements are named by non-negative integers start with 0
- syntax for accessing element i of array b is b[i]

▸ In Java
- variable a stores a pointer to the array
- b[x] = 0   means $m[m[b] + x * sizeof(array\text{-}element)] \leftarrow 0$

▸ In C
- variable a can store a pointer to the array or the array itself
- b[x] = 0   means $m[b + x * sizeof(array\text{-}element)] \leftarrow 0$
               or $m[\textbf{\textit{m[b]}} + x * sizeof(array\text{-}element)] \leftarrow 0$
- dynamic arrays are just like all other pointers
  – stored in TYPE*
  – access with either a[x] or *(a+x)

Example

▸ The following two C programs are identical

```
int *a;
a[4] = 5;
```

```
int *a;
*(a+4) = 5;
```

▸ For array access, the compiler would generate this code

```
r[0]         ← a
r[1]         ← 4
r[2]         ← 5
m[r[0]+4*r[1]] ← r[2]
```

```
ld $a, r0
ld $4, r1
ld $5, r2
st r2, (r0,r1,4)
```

- multiplying the index 4 by 4 (size of integer) to compute the array offset

▸ So, what does this tell you about pointer arithmetic in C?

Adding X to a pointer of type Y*, adds X * sizeof(Y) to the pointer's memory–address value.

Pointer Arithmetic in C

▸ Its purpose
  - an alternative way to access dynamic arrays to the a[i]
▸ Adding or subtracting an integer *index* to a pointer
  - results in a new pointer of the same type
  - value of the pointer is offset by index times size of pointer's referent
  - for example
    - adding 3 to an int* yields a pointer value 12 larger than the original
▸ Subtracting two pointers of the same type
  - results in an integer
  - gives number of referent-type elements between the two pointers
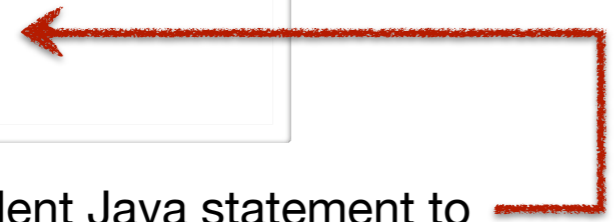 - for example
    - (& a[7]) − (& a[2])) == 5 == (a+7) − (a+2)
▸ other operators
  - **& X**   the address of X
  - *** X**   the value X points to

Question (from S3-C-pointer-math.c)

```
int *c;

void foo () {
  // ...
  c = (int *) malloc (10*sizeof(int));
  // ...
  c = &c[3];
  *c = *&c[3];
  // ...
}
```
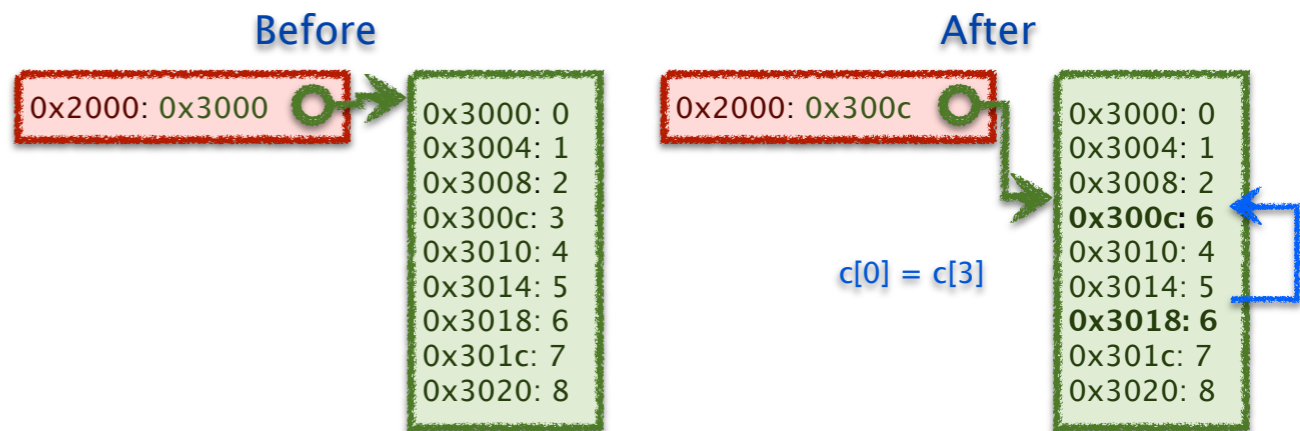
▸ What is the equivalent Java statement to
  - [b] c[0] = c[3];
  - [g] c[3] = c[6];
  - [r] there is no typesafe equivalent
  - [y] not valid, because you can't take the address of a static in Java

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Looking more closely

```
c = &c[3];
*c = *&c[3];
```

```
r[0]    ← 0x2000        # r[0] = &c
r[1]    ← m[r[0]]       # r[1] = c
r[2]    ← 12            # r[2] = 3 * sizeof(int)
r[2]    ← r[2]+r[1]     # r[2] = c + 3
m[r[0]] ← r[2]          # c    = c + 3

r[3]    ← 3             # r[3] = 3
r[4]    ← m[r[2]+4*r[3]] # r[4] = c[3]
m[r[2]] ← r[4]          # c[0] = c[3]
```

Before

```
0x2000: 0x3000
```
```
0x3000: 0
0x3004: 1
0x3008: 2
0x300c: 3
0x3010: 4
0x3014: 5
0x3018: 6
0x301c: 7
0x3020: 8
```

After

```
0x2000: 0x300c
```

c[0] = c[3]

```
0x3000: 0
0x3004: 1
0x3008: 2
0x300c: 6
0x3010: 4
0x3014: 5
0x3018: 6
0x301c: 7
0x3020: 8
```

▸ And in assembly language

```
r[0]   ← 0x2000        # r[0] = &c
r[1]   ← m[r[0]]       # r[1] = c
r[2]   ← 12            # r[2] = 3 * sizeof(int)
r[2]   ← r[2]+r[1]     # r[2] = c + 3
m[r[0]] ← r[2]         # c   = c + 3

r[3]   ← 3             # r[3] = 3
r[4]   ← m[r[2]+4*r[3]] # r[4] = c[3]
m[r[2]] ← r[4]         # c[0] = c[3]
```

```
ld $0x2000, r0       # r0 = &c
ld (r0), r1          # r1 = c
ld $12, r2           # r2 = 3*sizeof(int)
add r1, r2           # r2 = c+3
st r2, (r0)          # c  = c+3

ld $3, r3            # r3  = 3
ld (r2,r3,4), r4     # r4  = c[3]
st r4, (r2)          # c[0] = c[3]
```

Summary: Static Scalar and Array Variables

▸ Static variables
  • the compiler knows the address (memory location) of variable

▸ Static scalars and arrays
  • the compiler knows the address of the scalar value or array

▸ Dynamic arrays
  • the compiler does not know the address the array

▸ What C does that Java doesn't
  • static arrays
  • arrays can be accessed using pointer dereferencing operator
  • arithmetic on pointers

▸ What Java does that C doesn't
  • typesafe dynamic allocation
  • automatic array-bounds checking