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Converting
int a,b,c,d;
a = a * b + c * d;

to machine language

1) Lexical analysis / scanning

int T_IDENTIFIER (reserved word)

a T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

, T_SPECIAL (special symbol with value of ",")

b T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

, T_SPECIAL (special symbol with value of ",")

c T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

, T_SPECIAL (special symbol with value of ",")

d T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

; T_SPECIAL (special symbol with value of ";")

a T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

= T_OPERATOR (operator with value of "=")

c T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

* T_OPERATOR (operator with value of "*")

b T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

+ T_OPERATOR (operator with value of "+")

c T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

* T_OPERATOR (operator with value of "*")

d T_IDENTIFIER (variable name)

; T_SPECIAL (special symbol with value of ";")

2) Syntax analysis / parsing: $a * b + c * d$

Expression \rightarrow Expression * Expression + Expression * Expression

\rightarrow variable * Expression + Expression * Expression

\rightarrow T_IDENTIFIER * Expression + Expression * Expression

\rightarrow T_IDENTIFIER * Variable + Expression * Expression

\rightarrow T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER + Expression * Expression

\rightarrow T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER + Variable * Expression

\rightarrow T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER * Ex

→ T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER + T_IDENTIFIER * Variable
→ T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER + T_IDENTIFIER * T_IDENTIFIER

3) Semantic analysis Intermediate code generation

TAC: $a = c * b + c * d$

$t_1 = c * b$

$t_2 = c * d$

$t_3 = t_1 + t_2$

$a = t_3$

*NB: In the semantics stage, the compiler checks for statements that are grammatically incorrect. It comes before intermediate code generation.

4) Intermediate code optimization: This phase really slows down the compiler so it can be skipped.

5) Object code generation: This is where the target code is generated. The TAC is translated into a sequence of machine language.

6) Object Code Optimization

It transforms the object code into tighter, more efficient object code. As with IR optimization, this phase can be skipped entirely since it is configurable.

