



Concepts Introduced in Chapter 8

- register assignment
- instruction selection
- run-time stack management

followed by Fig. 8.1



Target Program

The target program can be

- Absolute machine language
- Relocatable machine language
- Assembly language



Tasks Performed by a Code Generator

- Register assignment
- Instruction selection
- Management of the run-time stack



Register Assignment

- Register assignment is the assignment of temporaries to hardware registers.
- Challenges
 - Use of register pairs
 - Overlapping of registers
 - Operations in specific registers
 - Spills



Instruction Selection

- Instruction selection is the mapping of the intermediate language operations to machine instructions.
- Have to choose not only the appropriate instructions, but also the addressing mode of each operand.



SPARC Addressing Modes

<u>Name</u>	<u>Assembly</u>	<u>RTL</u>
immediate	n	n
register	%n	r[n]
register deferred	[%n]	M[r[n]]
displacement	[%n+m]	M[r[n]+m]
	[%n-m]	M[r[n]-m]
indexed	[%n+%m]	M[r[n]+r[m]]



Run-Time Stack Management

- Allocating and deallocating space on the run-time stack when entering and leaving a function.
- Partitioning the register set into scratch and nonscratch sets.
- Saving and restoring nonscratch registers that are used in the function.
- Dedicating registers for managing the run-time stack.
- Passing arguments.
- Responsibility of callee versus caller.



Evaluation Order of Arguments

- What is printed by the following program?

```
int g = 0;

int f0 () { return g; }

int f1 () { return ++g; }

main ()

{

    printf ("%d %d\n", f0 (), f1 ());

}
```