

# Homework 4

## Full code generator

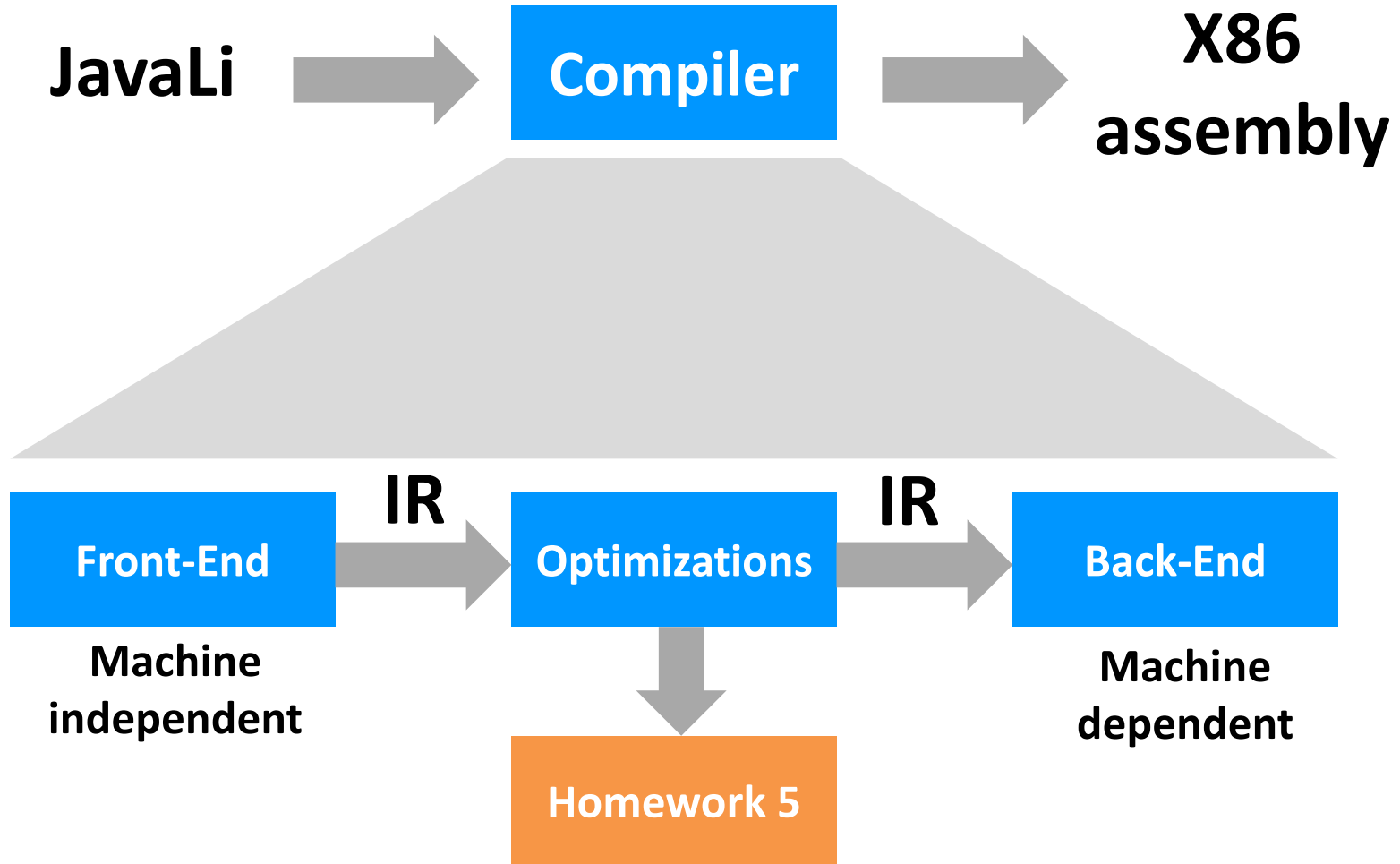
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Compiler Design – SS18

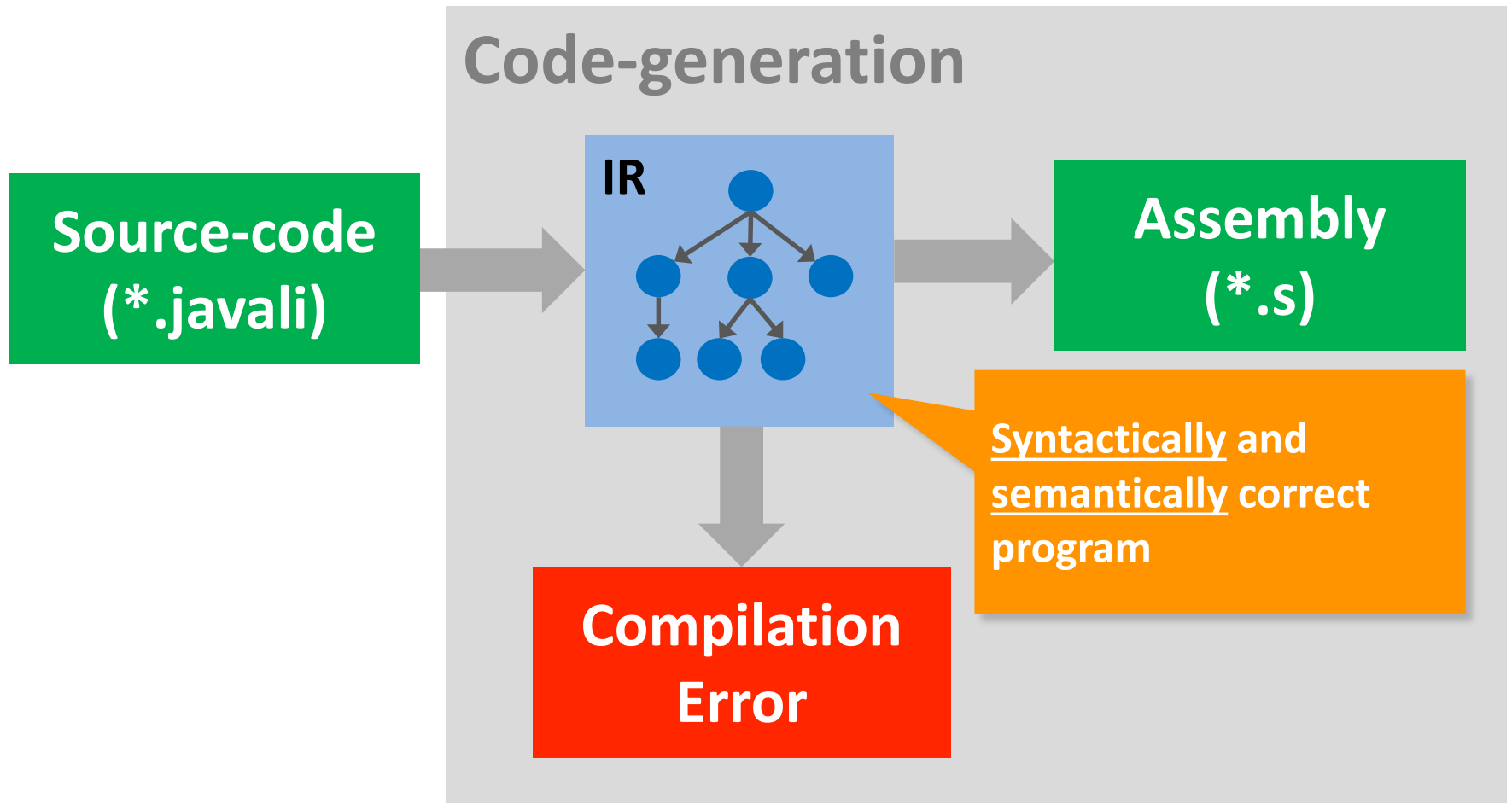
# Today



# Compiler phases



# Back-End



# HW4 Tasks

**Do not optimize**

# Constructs to andle

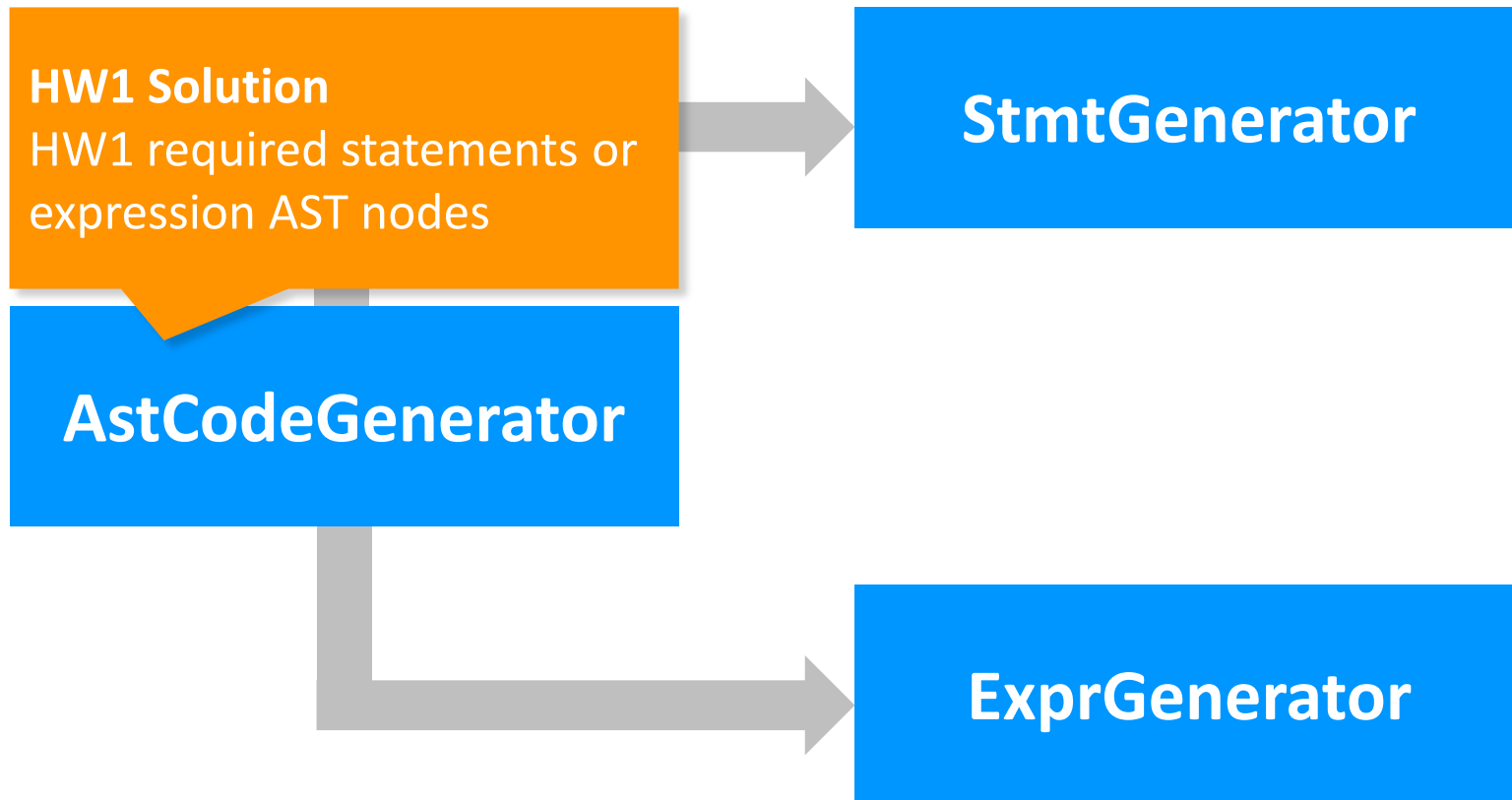
- Object and array creation
- Field reads/writes
- Array indexing
- Method calls (as expressions too)
- Casts
- Control-flow constructs
- Arithmetic and comparison operators
- Assignment statements

```
a.b().c();
```

```
a[0] > a[2]
```

```
ref.a = 5;
```

# HW4 Fragment



# HW4 Tips & Tricks

Additional issues?

Represent program's elements in memory

**Hierarchy**

**Classes**

**Virtual  
Table**

**Methods**

**Instances  
Layout**

**Objects**

**Storage**

**Locals**



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Classes



Methods



Objects



Locals

# Classes

```
class A { ... }
```

Object

Why do we care?

```
extends B { ... }
```

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# Classes and Casts

```
class A {  
    ...  
}
```

A a = ...;  
B b = ...;

```
class B  
    extends A {  
    ...  
}
```

a = b; // Upcast – no need for cast

b = (B) a; //Downcast – runtime check need

Ensure that **instance** pointed at by “a” is a **subtype** of “B”

# Classes and Casts

```
class A {
```

```
  ...  
}
```

```
A a = new A();
```

```
B b = null;
```

```
class B
```

```
  extends A {
```

```
    ...  
}
```

```
b = (B) a;
```

# Classes and Casts

```
class A {
```

```
    ...  
}
```

```
A a = new B();
```

```
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```
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```

```
    extends A {
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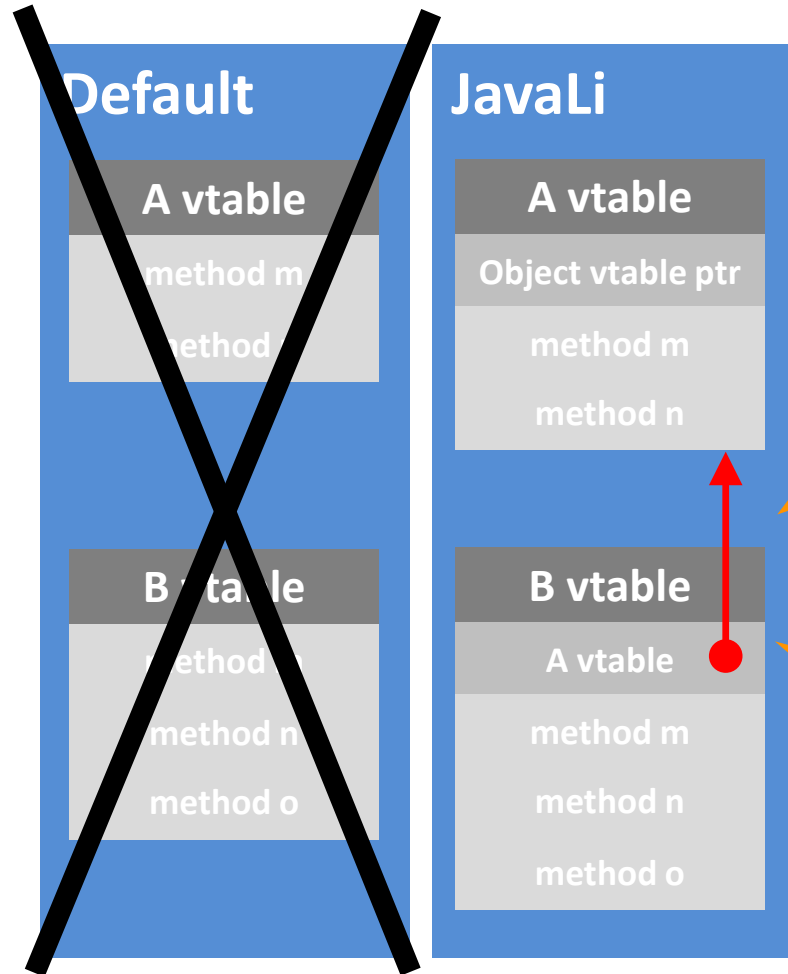
```
    ...  
}
```

```
b = (B) a;
```

# Casts and Virtual Tables

```
class A {  
    void m() { ... }  
    void n() { ... }  
}
```

```
class B  
    extends A {  
    void m() { ... }  
    void o() { ... }  
}
```



Check-cast by walking vtable parent list

Include vtable pointer of parent class

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# Methods

```
class A {  
  void m() {  
    ...  
  }  
}
```

```
void n() {  
  ...  
}  
}
```

## Hint

Exploit the .DATA section again!

```
.label A::m
```

```
load r1
```

```
...
```

```
ret
```

```
.label A::n
```

```
load r2
```

```
store r2, r1
```

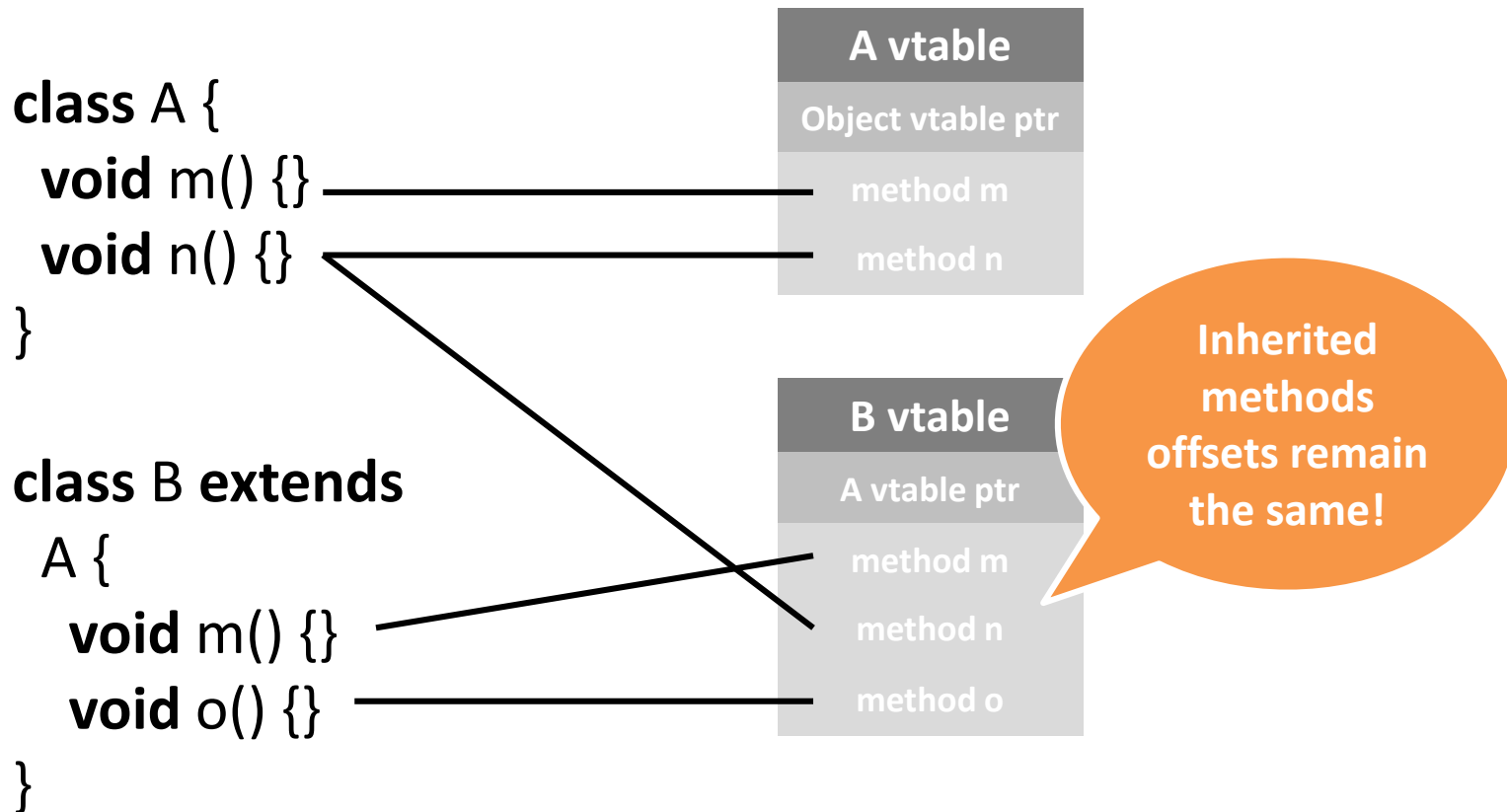
```
...
```

```
ret
```

Use labels in  
the vtable



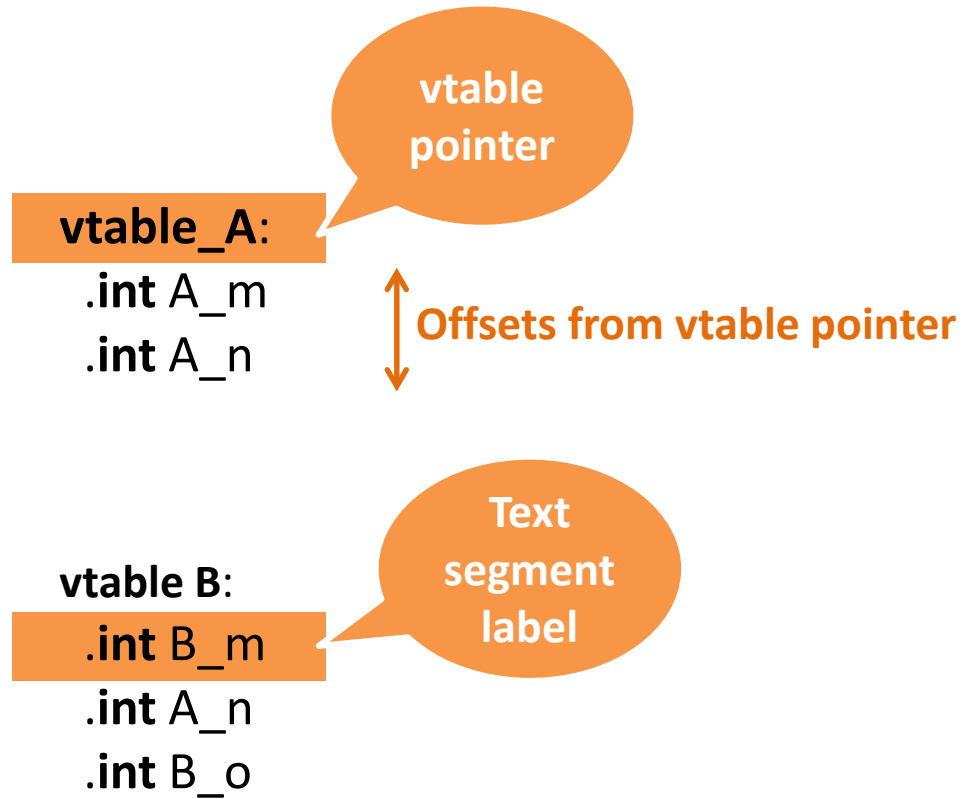
# Virtual-Table Layout



# Virtual-Table Declaration

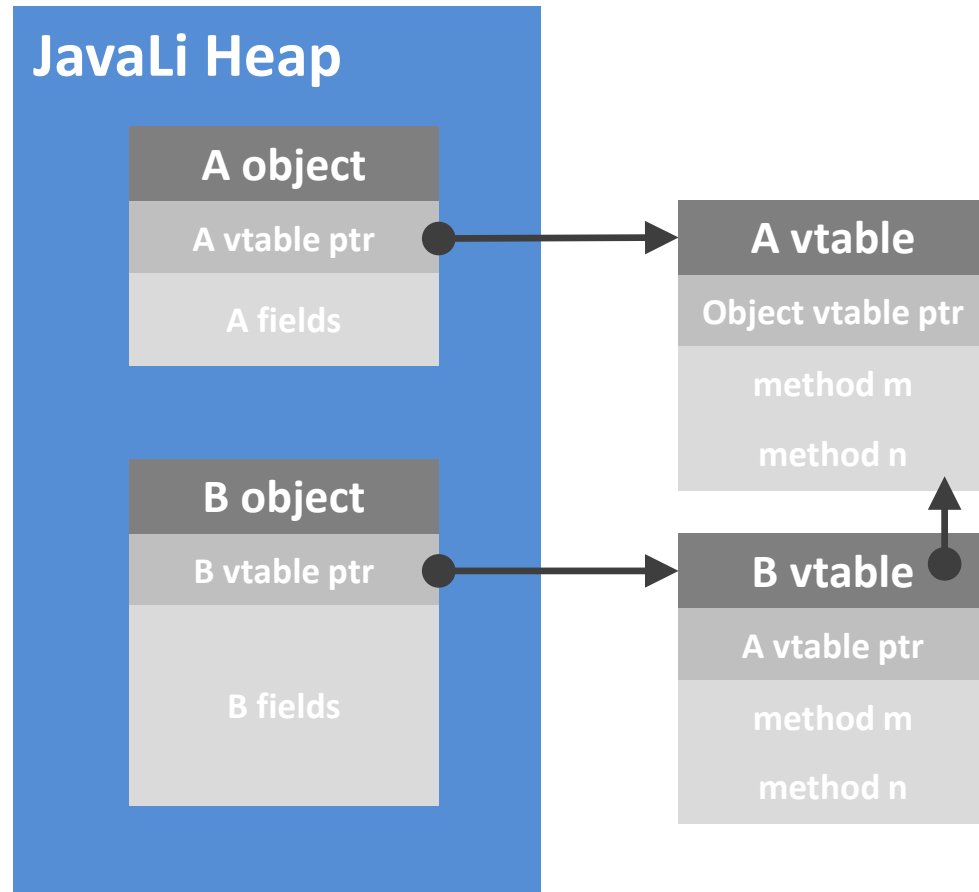
A vtable
Object vtable ptr
method m
method n

B vtable
A vtable ptr
method m
method n
method o



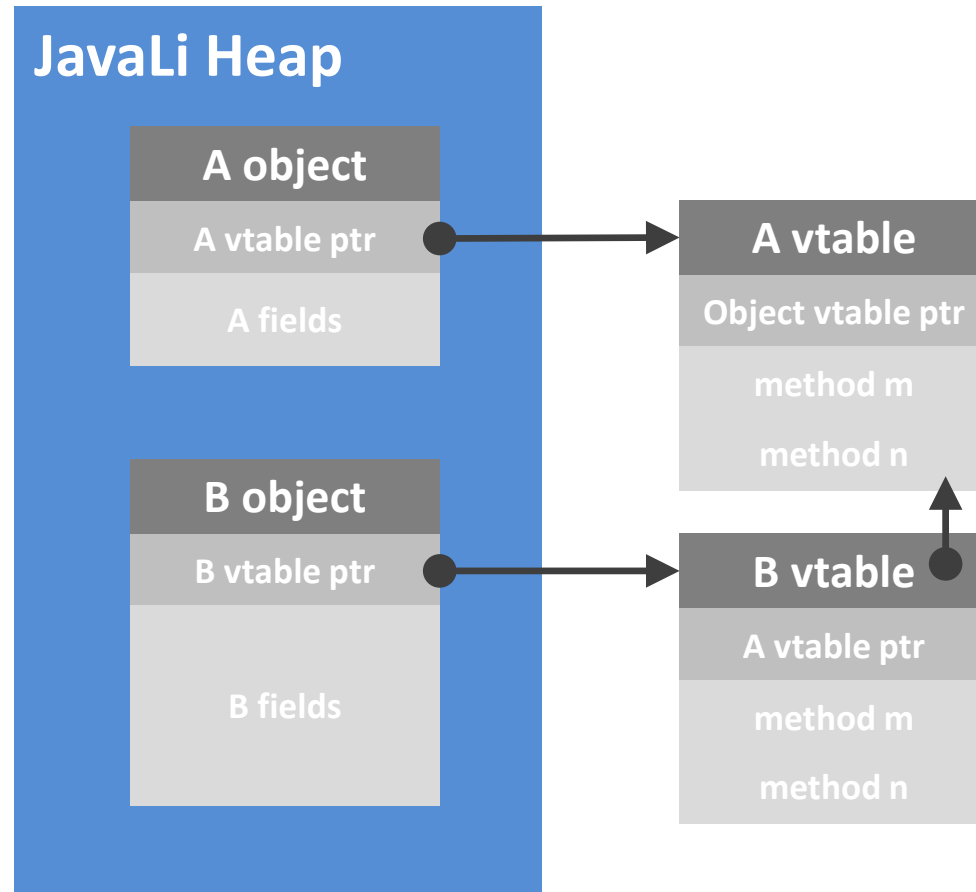
# Polymorphic Calls

```
class Main {  
    void main() {  
        A res;  
        res = new ?();  
        res.m();  
    }  
}
```

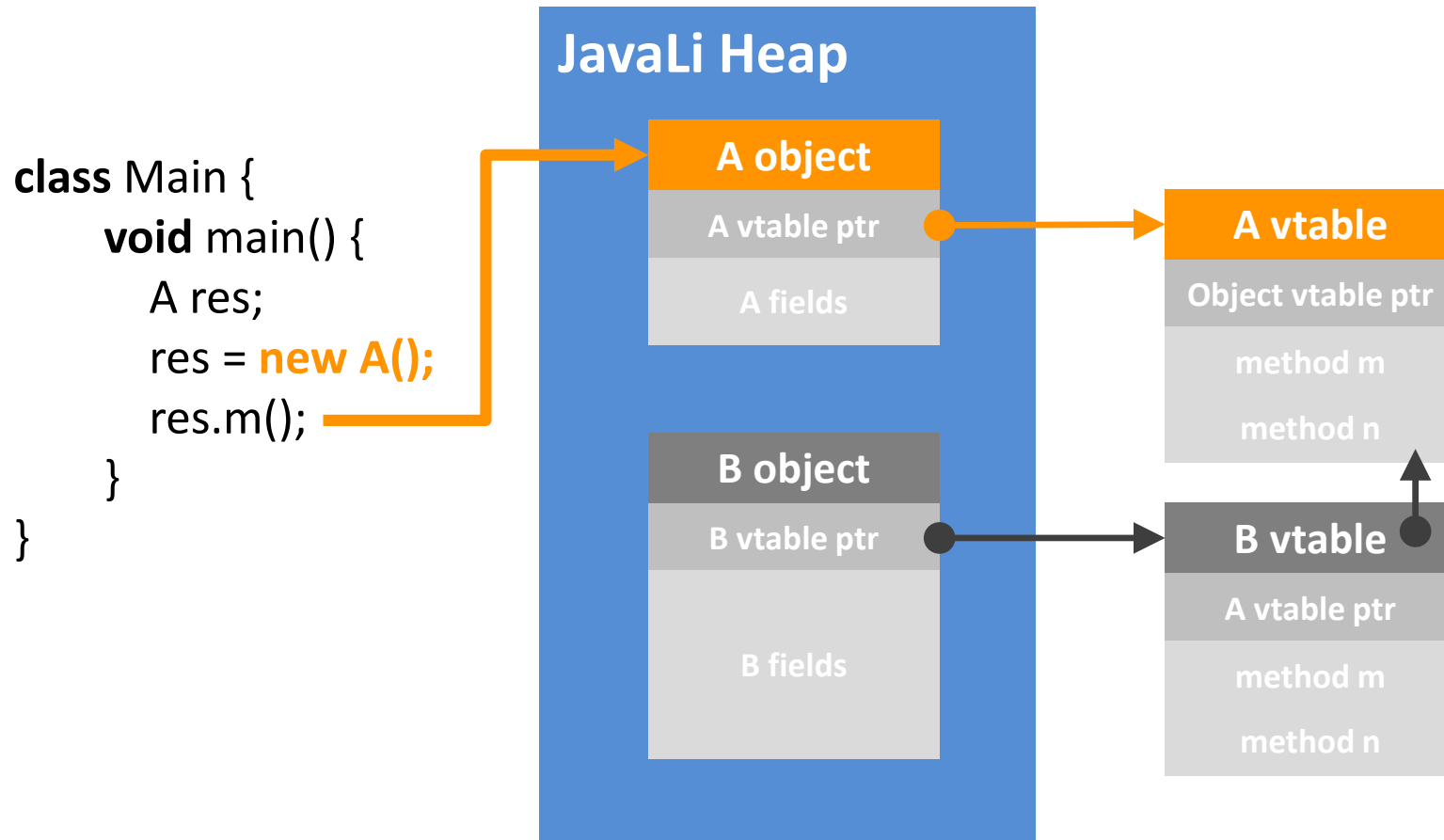


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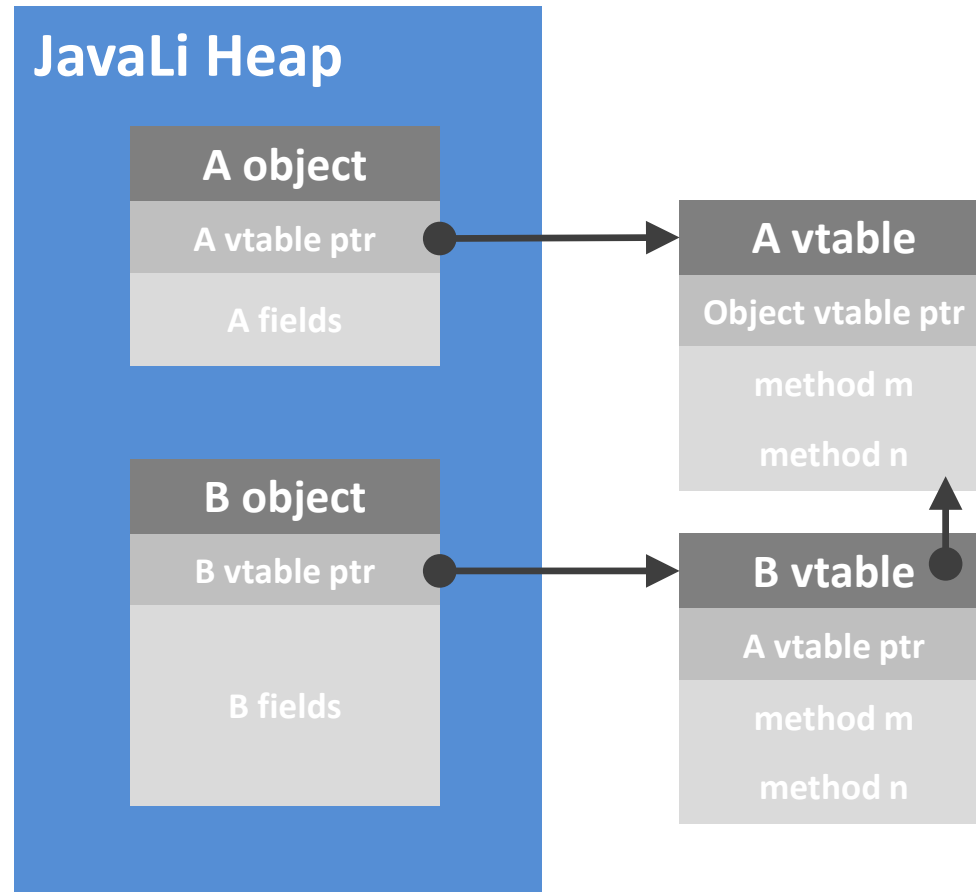


# Polymorphic Calls

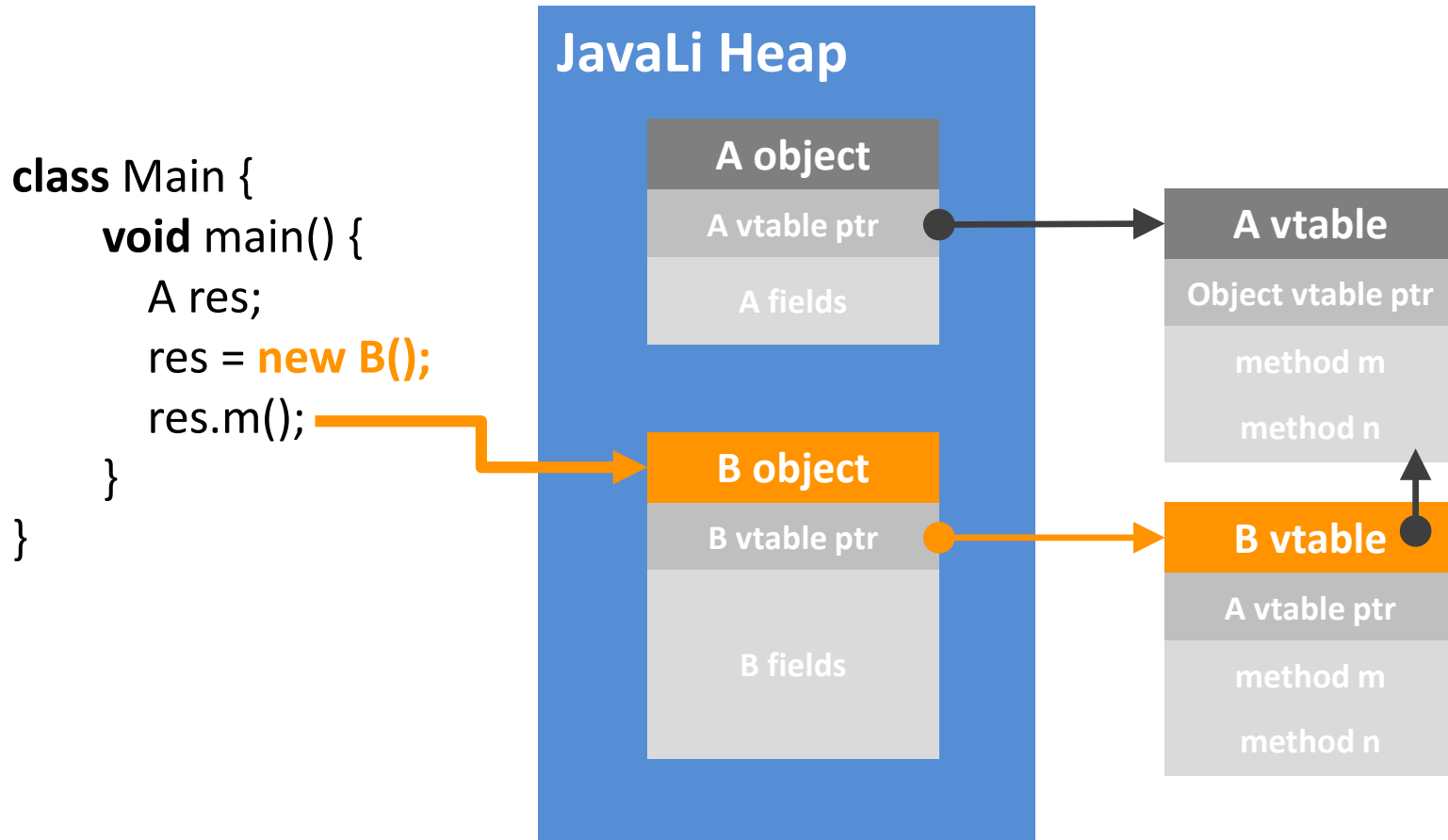


# Polymorphic Calls

```
class Main {  
    void main() {  
        A res;  
        res = new B();  
        res.m();  
    }  
}
```



# Polymorphic Calls



# Polymorphic Calls

**load** instance, r0

**load** r0[0], r1 *// Get vtable pointer*

**load** r1[mth\_offset], r1 *// Get method pointer*

**push** arguments *// Prepare the call*

**call** \*r1 *// Execute the call*

**load** rRes, r1 *// Get the result*



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Classes



Methods



Objects

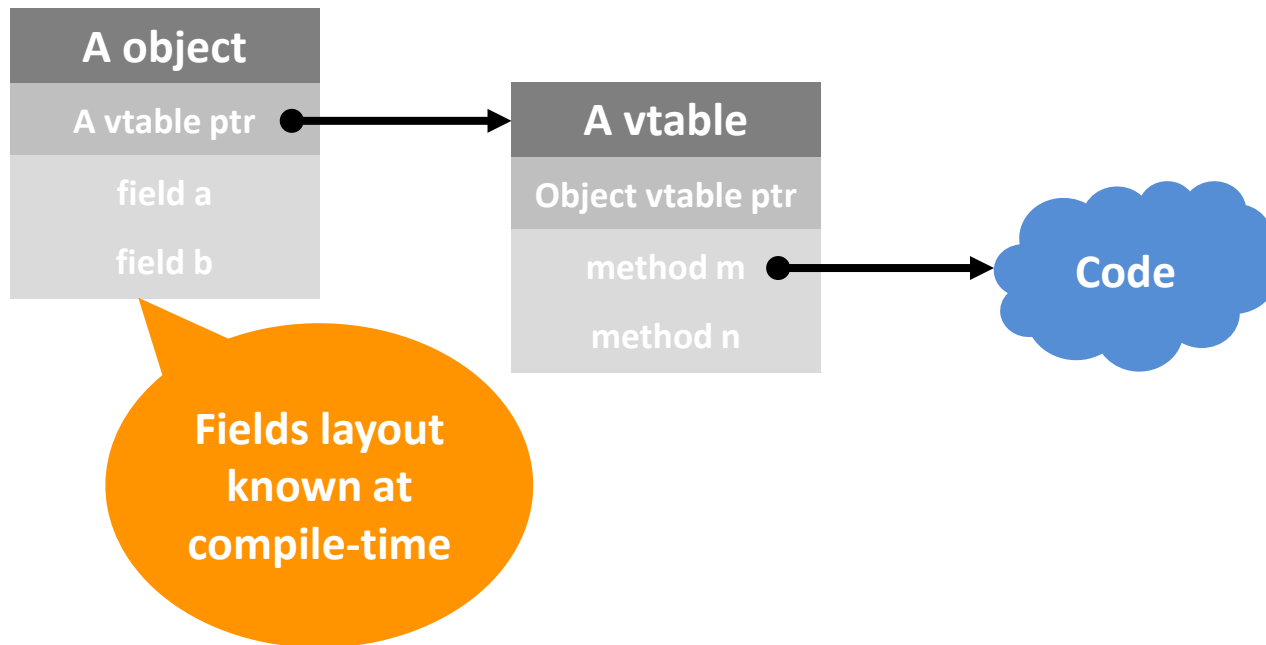


Locals

# Object Creation

Object size known at compile-time

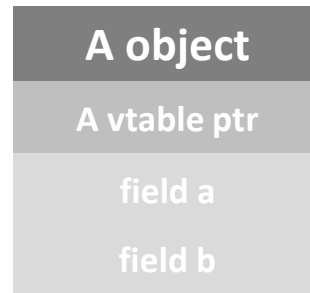
`calloc(int)` to allocate memory



# Object Layout

```
class A {  
  int a;  
  int b;  
}
```

```
class B extends  
  A {  
  C c;  
}
```

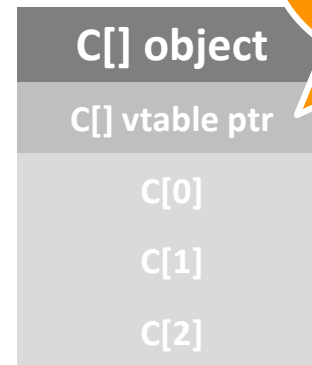


Offsets for  
inherited  
fields remain  
the same!

# Arrays Layout

They are objects too!

```
class Client {  
    C[] array_c;  
    ...  
    array_c = new C[3];  
}
```



What about  
array  
length?

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Methods



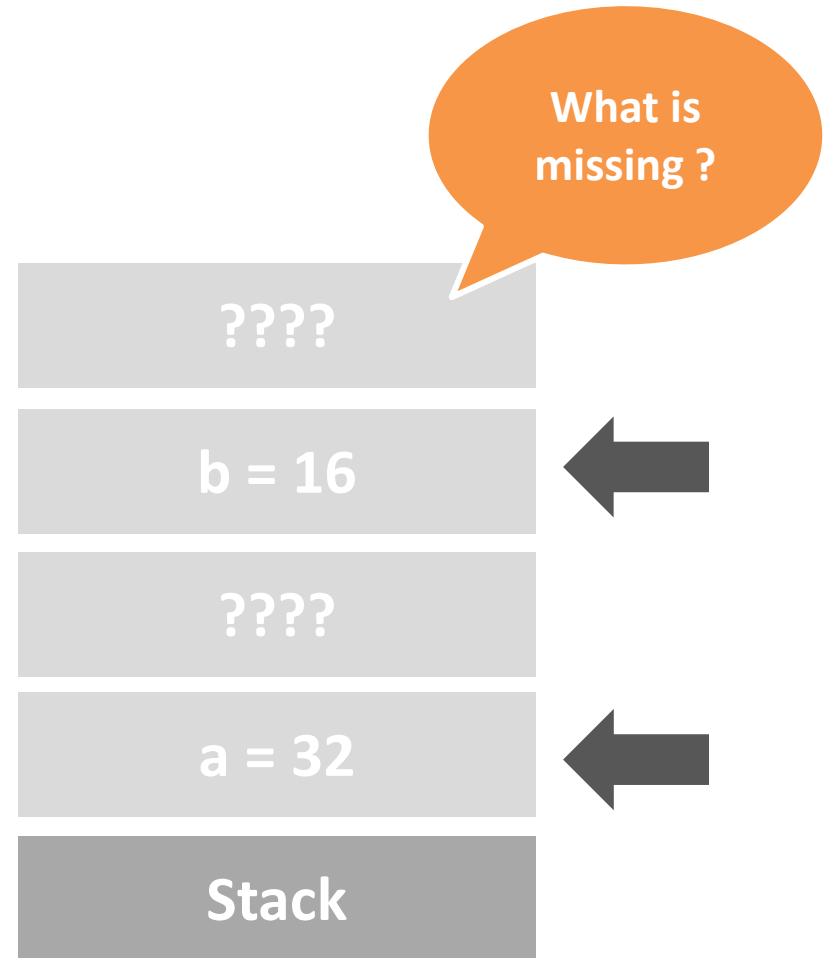
Objects



Locals

# Local Variables

```
class Main {  
    void m(int a) {  
        int b;  
        b = 16;  
        ...  
    }  
  
    void main() {  
        m(32);  
        ...  
    }  
}
```



# Register spilling

## Spilling

Removing value from a register and storing it on the stack

## On-the-fly spilling

Done during code generation whenever a register is needed

## Explicit spilling

Model the spilling by an assignment to a temporary variable and rewrite the tree

# Constructs to Handle

- Object and **Just reviewed**
- Field r/w **Address + Offset**
- Array indexing **Address + Offset**
- Method **Just reviewed**
- Casts **Just reviewed**
- Control-flow cons **Almost done 😊** (if-else)
- Arithmetic and co **Almost done 2 😊** (shifts)
- Assignment statements