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1 Introduction

SimpMeta is a simple compiler infrastructure designed for teaching courses such as behavioral synthesis and compiler construction.

SimpMeta hides much of the implementation detail so that those who are interested in programming language design can focus on the frontend, while those who are interested in optimizations can focus on the backend. This desired separation of frontend and backend is achieved by defining two APIs, namely the SimpFrontend API for frontend developers, and the SimpIR for backend developers. Both APIs create, query and manipulate a set of cleanly-defined meta objects. Encapsulated in C++ classes, these meta objects include all the basic components needed for compiler intermediate representations.

SimpMeta also comes with a set of tools. One of the most useful is the C frontend, called `mcc`, which compiles C code into an intermediate form that can be stored on the disk and be further processed by the SimpIR API. Other tools are designed for debugging purpose, `mdump`, can print the intermediate representation in human readable form, `m2dots` can print the intermediate representation in a format that can be visualized using `dot` tool from AT&T.

To use SimpMeta tools, add the following line in the `.cshrc` file, assuming SimpMeta is installed at `installdir`:

```
>setenv IPSUITE installdir
>setenv PATH ${PATH}:${IPSUITE}/bin
```

Also make sure that the gnu C compiler (`gcc`) as well as the C preprocessor (`cpp`) are on the search path.

To use the SimpMeta APIs, add the following in your C++ compiler command line:

```
-I${IPSUITE}/include -L${IPSUITE}/lib -lsimpmeta \\  
-ldl -lm
```

The following example illustrate how `mcc` should be used:

```
>mcc -beh foo.c
```

The command generates `foo.cls` and `foo.beh`. Note that both `foo.cls` and `foo.beh` are needed in order for SimpIR API to load them into memory.

The following example illustrate how `mcc` can be used to generate SimpIR in SSA form:

```
>mcc -Wintra-01 -beh foo.c
```

The following example illustrates how `mdump` should be used, assuming both `foo.cls` and `foo.beh` are present in your current directory.

```
>mdump native.foo
```

Note that the argument of `mdump` should be a complete type name. In `SimpMeta` infrastructure, all the C modules are within the `native` name space, and hence the prefix `native` is needed to complete the type specification.

The following example illustrates how `m2dots` can be used in conjunction with `dot` to create the visualization of the control-flow graph of a function `bar` in `foo.c` in postscript form.

```
>m2dots native.foo  
>dot -Tps -o bar.ps bar.dot
```

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SimpMeta Objects

*simpmeta.h***Names**

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2.1

enum SimpKind*kinds of SimpMeta object***Names**

KIND_TYPE_VOID	<i>void data type</i>
KIND_TYPE_BOOL	<i>boolean data type</i>
KIND_TYPE_INT	<i>signed integer data type</i>
KIND_TYPE_UNSIGNED	<i>unsigned integer data type</i>
KIND_TYPE_FLOAT	<i>floating point data type</i>
KIND_TYPE_CLASS	<i>class type</i>
KIND_CNST_VALUE	<i>primitive value constant</i>
KIND_CNST_STRING	<i>string constant</i>
KIND_CNST_MEMREF	<i>member reference constant</i>
KIND_FIELD	<i>field member</i>
KIND_METHOD	<i>method member</i>
KIND_VARIABLE	<i>local variable or method parameter</i>
KIND_LABEL	<i>normal label</i>
KIND_CASE_LABEL	<i>case label</i>
KIND_DEFAULT_LABEL	<i>default label</i>
KIND_DAG_LABEL	<i>label instructions</i>
KIND_DAG_BJ	<i>branch and jump instructions</i>
KIND_DAG_MWB	<i>multiway branch instructions</i>

KIND_DAG_FUNC *arithmetic or logical instructions*
KIND_DAG_CNST *constant instruction*
KIND_DAG_CNV *conversion instructions*
KIND_DAG_MEM *memory related instructions*
KIND_DAG_MISC *miscellaneous instructions*
KIND_BLK_BASIC
basic block

2.2

enum **SimpAcc**

*access code***Names**

ACC_FINAL *final modifier*
ACC_PUBLIC *public modifier*
ACC_PROTECTED
protected modifier
ACC_PACKAGE *package modifier*
ACC_PRIVATE *private modifier*
ACC_PARAM *parameter*
ACC_STATIC *static modifier*
ACC_SYNCHRONIZED
synchronized modifier
ACC_NATIVE *native modifier*
ACC_VOLATILE *volatile modifier*

2.3

enum **SimpOpcode**

instruction opcodes

Names

OP_LAB	<i>label</i>
OP_BA	<i>branch always (jump)</i>
OP_BT	<i>branch if true</i>
OP_BF	<i>branch if false</i>
OP_BEQ	<i>branch if equal</i>
OP_BNE	<i>branch if not equal</i>
OP_BGT	<i>branch if greater than</i>
OP_BGE	<i>branch if greater and equal</i>
OP_BLT	<i>branch if less than</i>
OP_BLE	<i>branch if less than and equal to</i>
OP_RET	<i>return</i>
OP_MWB	<i>mutiway branch mutiway</i>
OP_CAL	<i>static dispatch</i>
OP_CALV	<i>dynamic dispath</i>
OP_CALR	<i>remote dispatch</i>
OP_CALP	<i>primitive dispatch</i>
OP_ARG	<i>argument</i>
OP_NEW	<i>object creation</i>
OP_DEL	<i>object deletion</i>
OP_CNV	<i>conversion</i>
OP_BEXT	<i>bitvector extraction</i>
OP_BREV	<i>bitvector reverse</i>
OP_BCONC	<i>bitvector concatenation</i>
OP_CPY	<i>copy</i>
OP_ADD	<i>addition</i>
OP_SUB	<i>subtraction</i>
OP_MUL	<i>multiplication</i>
OP_DIV	<i>devision</i>
OP_NEG	<i>negation</i>
OP_MIN	<i>minimum</i>
OP_MAX	<i>maximum</i>

OP_ABS	<i>absolute value</i>
OP_SHL	<i>left shifting</i>
OP_SHR	<i>right shifting</i>
OP_USHR	<i>unsigned right shifting</i>
OP_BAND	<i>bitwise and</i>
OP_BOR	<i>bitwise or</i>
OP_BXOR	<i>bitwise exclusive or</i>
OP_BINV	<i>bitwise inversion</i>
OP_SAND	<i>serial and</i>
OP_SOR	<i>serial or</i>
OP_SXOR	<i>serial xor</i>
OP_REM	<i>remainder (modulo)</i>
OP_SEQ	<i>set if equal</i>
OP_SGT	<i>set if greater than</i>
OP_SGE	<i>set if greater than or equal to</i>
OP_SLT	<i>set if less than</i>
OP_SLE	<i>set if less than or equal to</i>
OP_SNE	<i>set if not equal</i>
OP_LOR	<i>logical or</i>
OP_LAND	<i>logical and</i>
OP_LINV	<i>logical inversion</i>
OP_SEL	<i>selection</i>
OP_TUPLE	<i>tuple</i>
OP_LIST	<i>list</i>
OP_GEN	<i>generate</i>
OP_CNST	<i>constant</i>
OP_SREG	<i>symbolic register</i>
OP_LODF	<i>load field</i>
OP_STRF	<i>store field</i>
OP_LODL	<i>load local</i>
OP_STRL	<i>store local</i>
OP_LODP	<i>load parameter</i>

OP_STRP	<i>store parameter</i>
OP_LODA	<i>load array</i>
OP_STRA	<i>store array</i>
OP_LOD	<i>load pointer</i>
OP_STR	<i>store pointer</i>
OP_ADDRF	<i>address of field</i>
OP_ADDRL	<i>address of local</i>
OP_ADDRP	<i>address of paramter</i>
OP_ADDRA	<i>address of array</i>
OP_ADDRB	<i>address of a label(for jmp table)</i>
OP_PADD	<i>pointer addition</i>
OP_PSUB	<i>pointer subtraction</i>
OP_NOP	<i>nop</i>
OP_PHI	<i>phi instruction in ssa form</i>
OP_MRK	<i>mark for source coodinate</i>
OP_REP	<i>repeation</i>
OP_AST	<i>assertion</i>
OP_SPC	<i>memory space</i>
OP_LAST	<i>the last opcode</i>

2.4

SimpValue

place holder for constant values

Names

Jboolean	b	<i>boolean value</i>
Jlong	i	<i>signed integer value</i>
Julong	u	<i>unsigned integer value</i>
Jdouble	f	<i>floating-point value</i>
char*	s	<i>string value</i>

struct	<i>signed integer range value</i>
struct	<i>unsigned integer range value</i>
struct	<i>floating-point range value</i>

2.5

class **SimpMeta**

base class for all meta objects

Names

2.5.1	Jboolean	isNull (void)	<i>null detection</i>	11
2.5.2	Jint	getID (void)	<i>ID query</i>	12
2.5.3	Jint	getKind (void)	<i>kind query</i>	12
2.5.4	void	dump (FILE* fp)	<i>dumping</i>	12

2.5.1

Jboolean **isNull** (void)

null detection

This method tests if the meta object is a null object.

Return Value: TRUE if it is null, FALSE otherwise

2.5.2

Jint **getID** (void)

ID query

This method gets a unique integer identifier of the meta object.

Return Value: the ID of the object

2.5.3

Jint **getKind** (void)

kind query

This method gets the kind (one of SimpKind values) of a meta object.

Return Value: the kind of the object.

2.5.4

void **dump** (FILE* fp)

dumping

This method dumps a meta object to human readable form.

Return Value: none

Parameters: *fp* — the file to which to dump.

2.6

class **SimpCell**

*cell of a double-linked list***Names**

2.6.1	Jboolean	isNull (void)	<i>null detection</i>	13
2.6.2	SimpCell	getPrev (void )	.....	13
2.6.3	SimpCell	getNext (void )	.....	14
2.6.4	SimpMeta	getData (void )	.....	14

2.6.1

Jboolean **isNull** (void)

null detection

This method tests if a list cell is null.

Return Value: TRUE if it is null, FALSE otherwise.

2.6.2

SimpCell **getPrev** (void)

This method retrieves the previous element of a list cell.

Return Value: a SimpCell object.

2.6.3

SimpCell getNext (void)

This method retrieves the next element of a list cell.

Return Value: a SimpCell object.

2.6.4

SimpMeta getData (void)

This method retrieves the meta object associated with a list cell.

Return Value: a SimpMeta object.

2.7

class Simplist

a double-linked list

Names

2.7.1	Jboolean	isNull (void)	<i>null detection.</i>	15
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			<i>insertion</i>	17
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2.7.9	SimpCell	pop (void)	<i>insertion</i>	18

2.7.1

Jboolean **isNull** (void)

null detection.

This method tests if a list is null.

Return Value: TRUE if it is null, FALSE otherwise

2.7.2

SimpCell **getHead** (void)

head query

This method retrieves the head of a list.

Return Value: a SimpCell object.

2.7.3

SimpCell **getTail** (void)

tail query

This method retrieves the tail of a list.

Return Value: a SimpCell object.

2.7.4

Jint **getSize** (void)

size query

This method retrieves the tail of a list.

Return Value: a SimpCell object.

2.7.5

void **insert** (SimpCell cell, SimpCell after)

insertion

This method insert a SimpCell into a list.

Return Value: none.

Parameters: *cell* — the SimpCell to insert.
after — the location after which to insert. If *after* is a NULL, then the new cell is inserted at the head of the list.

2.7.6

```
void remove ( SimpCell cell )
```

removal

This method remove a SimpCell from a list.

Return Value: none.
Parameters: `cell` — the SimpCell to remove.

2.7.7

```
void append ( SimpCell cell )
```

insertion

This method inserts a SimpCell at the end of a list.

Return Value: none.
Parameters: `cell` — the SimpCell to insert.

2.7.8

```
void push ( SimpCell cell )
```

insertion

This method inserts a SimpCell at the head of a list.

Return Value: none.
Parameters: `cell` — the SimpCell to insert.

2.7.9

```
SimpCell pop ( void )
```

insertion

This method removes the head of a list.

Return Value: the removed SimpCell.

2.8

```
class SimpType : public SimpMeta
```

*type object (primitive type or class type)***Names**

2.8.1	Jint	getSize (void)	<i>size retrieval</i>	19
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2.8.3	Jlong	getAcc (void)	<i>access code retrieval</i>	19
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2.8.5	SimpType	getArg (Jint i)	<i>type argument retrieval</i>	20
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2.8.7	SimpList	getMethods (void)	<i>method retrieval</i>	21

2.8.1

```
Jint getSize ( void )
```

size retrieval

This method retrieves the size (in number of bits) of a primitive type.

Return Value: the size.

2.8.2

```
Jint getAlign ( void )
```

size retrieval

This method retrieves the alignment (in number of bits) of a primitive type.

Return Value: the size.

2.8.3

```
Jlong getAcc ( void )
```

access code retrieval

This method retrieves the access code of a class type.

Return Value: the access code.

2.8.4**Jint getArgNum (void)***type argument retrieval*

This method retrieves the number of arguments of a type.

Return Value: the number of type arguments

2.8.5**SimpType getArg (Jint i)***type argument retrieval*

This method retrieves the *i*th argument of a type.

Return Value: type argument

2.8.6**SimpList getFieldds (void)***field retrieval*

This method retrieves the set of fields defined in a class type.

Return Value: the field list.

2.8.7

```
SimpList getMethods ( void )
```

method retrieval

This method retrieves the set of methods defined in a class type.

Return Value: the method list.

2.9

```
class SimpCnst : public SimpMeta
```

*constant object***Names**

2.9.1	SimpValue	getValue (void)	<i>value retrieval</i>	21
2.9.2	SimpType	getType (void)	<i>type retrieval</i>	22

2.9.1

```
SimpValue getValue ( void )
```

value retrieval

This method retrieves the constant value associated.

Return Value: the value.

2.9.2

```
SimpType getType ( void )
```

type retrieval

This method retrieves the type of the constant.

Return Value: the type.

2.10

```
class SimpVar : public SimpMeta
```

*variable (local or parameter) object***Names**

2.10.1	char*	getName (void)	<i>name retrieval</i>	22
2.10.2	SimpType	getType (void)	<i>type retrieval</i>	23
2.10.3	Jboolean	isParam (void)	<i>parameter test</i>	23

2.10.1

```
char* getName ( void )
```

name retrieval

This method retrieves the name of the variable.

Return Value: the name.

2.10.2

```
SimpType getType ( void )
```

type retrieval

This method retrieves the type of the variable.

Return Value: the type.

2.10.3

```
Jboolean isParam ( void )
```

parameter test

This method tests if the variable is a parameter.

Return Value: TRUE if it is a parameter, FALSE otherwise.

2.11

```
class SimpLabel : public SimpMeta
```

*label object***Names**

2.11.1	char*	getName (void)	<i>name retrieval.</i>	.....	24
2.11.2	SimpValue	getCaseValue (void)	<i>value retrieval.</i>	.....	24

2.11.1

```
char* getName ( void )
```

name retrieval.

This method retrieves the name of a label

Return Value: its name.

2.11.2

```
SimpValue getCaseValue ( void )
```

value retrieval.

This method retrieves the value associated with a case label.

Return Value: its value.

2.12

```
class SimpDag : public SimpMeta
```

*instruction object***Names**

2.12.1	SimpType	getType (void)	<i>type retrieval.</i>	25
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2.12.1

SimpType **getType** (void)

type retrieval.

This method retrieves the type of an instruction.

Return Value: its type.

2.12.2

Jint **getFormat** (void)

format retrieval.

This method retrieves the format of an instruction.

Return Value: its format (one of SimpKind value).

2.12.3

Jint **getOpcode** (void)*opcode retrieval.*

This method retrieves the opcode of an instruction.

Return Value: its opcode (one of SimpOpcode value).

2.12.4

SimpMeta **getSymbol** (void)*symbol retrieval.*

This method retrieves the symbol (constant, variable or label) associated with an instruction.

Return Value: its associated symbol.

2.12.5

SimpDag **getBase** (void)*base retrieval.*

This method retrieves the base operand of an instruction.

Return Value: its base operand.

2.12.6**SimpDag getSrc1 (void)***source operand retrieval.*

This method retrieves the first operand of an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_2DAG/KIND_FORMAT_3DAG format.

Return Value: its first src operand.

2.12.7**SimpDag getSrc2 (void)***source operand retrieval.*

This method retrieves the second operand of an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_2DAG/KIND_FORMAT_3DAG format.

Return Value: its second source operand.

2.12.8**SimpDag getSrc3 (void)***source operand retrieval.*

This method retrieves the third operand of an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_3DAG format.

Return Value: its second source operand.

2.12.9**Jint** **getOffset** (void)*source operand retrieval.*

This method retrieves offset value associated with an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_2DAG format.

Return Value: offset

2.12.10**SimpList** **getSrcs** (void)*source operands retrieval.*

This method retrieves the list of source operands of an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_NDAG format.

Return Value: the list of all operands.

2.12.11**SimpList** **getTargets** (void)*targets retrieval.*

This method retrieves the list of targets of an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_NSYM format.

Return Value: the list of all targets.

2.12.12

```
Jerror getCoord ( char**pfile, Jint*pcol, Jint *prow )
```

coordinate retrieval.

This method retrieves the coordinate of an instruction of KIND_FORMAT_COORD format.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `pfile` — a string pointer for the returned source file.
`pcol` — a inter pointer for the returned column.
`prow` — a inter pointer for the returned row (line number).

2.13

```
class SimpBlk : public SimpMeta
```

basic block object

Names

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2.13.1

```
SimpList getCodes ( void )
```

code retrieval.

This method retrieves the forest of instructions in a basic block.

Return Value: the forest.

2.13.2

```
SimpList getSuccs ( void )
```

successor retrieval.

This method retrieves the set of successors of a basic block in the control flow graph.

Return Value: the successors.

2.13.3

```
SimpList getPreds ( void )
```

predecessors retrieval.

This method retrieves the set of predecessors of a basic block in the control flow graph.

Return Value: the predecessors.

2.14

```
class SimpMember : public SimpMeta
```

member object (field or method)

Names

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2.14.1

SimpType **getType** (void)

type retrieval

This method retrieves the type (or return type) of a member.

Return Value: the type.

2.14.2

Jlong **getAcc** (void)

access code retrieval

This method retrieves the access code of a member.

Return Value: the access code.

2.14.3

```
char* getName ( void )
```

name retrieval

This method retrieves the name of a member.

Return Value: the name.

2.14.4

```
SimpList getBlks ( void )
```

control flow graph retrieval

This method retrieves the set of basic blocks of a member.

Return Value: the list of basic blocks.

2.14.5

SimpList **getVars** (void)

variable retrieval

This method retrieves the set of variables (parameters and locals) of a member.

Return Value: the list of variables.

2.14.6

SimpList **getLabels** (void)

label retrieval

This method retrieves the set of labels contained in a member.

Return Value: the list of labels.

2.14.7

Jint **getMaxVarID** (void)

maximum variable ID retrieval

This method retrieves the maximum variable identifier used.

Return Value: the ID.

2.14.8**Jint getMaxLabelID (void)***maximum label ID retrieval*

This method retrieves the maximum label identifier used.

Return Value: the ID.

2.14.9**Jint getMaxBlkID (void)***maximum basic block ID retrieval*

This method retrieves the maximum basic block identifier used.

Return Value: the ID.

2.14.10**Jint getMaxDagID (void)***maximum instruction ID retrieval*

This method retrieves the maximum instruction identifier used.

Return Value: the ID.

2.14.11

`void dumpDot (void)`

visualization

This method dump the method foo in dot format (foo.dot) which can later be visualized by AT&T's dot utility.

Return Value: void.

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SimpIR API

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3.1

class **SimpIR**

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3.1.1

```
static Jerror begin ( Jint argc, char* argv[] )
```

initialization

This method initializes the SimpIR API. It must be called before any SimpMeta APIs are used.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

Parameters: *argc* — command line argument counts.

argv — command line arguments. option recognized -
Mpath: specifying class path.

3.1.2

```
static Jerror end ( void )
```

finalization

This method finalizes the SimpIR API. It must be called before the program terminates.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

3.1.3

```
static SimpType loadClass ( char* name )
```

loading

This method loads an intermediate representation (class file) from the disk into memory.

Return Value: a `SimpType` object.
Parameters: `name`: — the complete name of the class. the name follows the following convention: if it is a Java class: `packageName.[outerClassName.]*className`; if it is a C module: `native.moduleName`.

3.1.4

`static Jerror delClass (SimpType m)`

class deletion

This method removes an intermediate representation from memory

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `name`: — a `SimpType` object

3.1.5

`static Jerror writeClass (SimpType m)`

loading

This method write a `SimpType` object from memory to disk (class file)

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `m`: — a `SimpType` object. The object must be of kind `KIND_TYPE_CLASS`.

3.1.6

```
static Jerror dumpClass ( SimpType m )
```

dumping

This method dump a SimpType object in human readable form

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: m: — a SimpType object. The object must be of kind KIND_TYPE_CLASS.

3.1.7

```
static SimpDag newDag ( SimpMember mbr, SimpOpcode opcode, SimpType type, SimpDag base, SimpDag src1, SimpDag src2, SimpMeta symb, Jint offset )
```

instruction creation

This method creates a new instruction in KIND_FORMAT_2DAG format

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: mbr — the member in which the instruction should be created.
 opcode — the opcode of the instruction.
 type — the type of the instruction.
 base — the base operand of the instruction.
 src1 — the first source operand of the instruction.
 src2 — the second source operand of the instruction.
 symb — the associated symbol (variable, label or constant).
 offset — offset.

3.1.8

```
static SimpDag newDag ( SimpMember mbr, SimpOpcode op-
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                        Jint noperands, SimpDag* operands,
                        SimpMeta symb )
```

instruction creation

This method creates a new instruction in KIND_FORMAT_NDAG format

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: *mbr* — the member in which the instruction should be created.
gopcode — the opcode of the instruction.
type — the type of the instruction.
base — the base operand of the instruction.
noperands — the number of source operands.
operands — the vector of operands.
symb — the associated symbol (variable, label or constant).

3.1.9

```
static SimpDag newDag ( SimpMember mbr, SimpOpcode op-
                        code, SimpType type, SimpDag base,
                        Jint ntargets, SimpLabel* targets )
```

instruction creation

This method creates a new instruction in KIND_FORMAT_NSYM format

Return Value: the created instruction.

Parameters:

- `mbr` — the member in which the instruction should be created.
- `opcode` — the opcode of the instruction.
- `type` — the type of the instruction.
- `base` — the base operand of the instruction.
- `ntargets` — the number of targets.
- `targets` — the vector of targets.

3.1.10

```
static void delDag ( SimpMember mbr, SimpDag dag )
```

instruction deletion

This method reclaims the memory for an unused instruction

Return Value: void

Parameters:

- `mbr` — the member to which the instruction belong.
- `dag` — the instruction to delete.

3.1.11

```
static SimpVar newVar ( SimpMember mbr, SimpType type,
                        char* name )
```

variable creation

This method creates a new local variable.

Return Value: the created variable.

Parameters:

- `mbr` — the member in which the variable should be created.
- `type` — the type of the variable.
- `name` — the name of the variable.

3.1.12

```
static void delVar ( SimpMember mbr, SimpVar var )
```

variable deletion

This method reclaims the memory of an unused variable.

Return Value: void
Parameters: mbr — the member to which the variable belong.
var — the variable to delete.

3.1.13

```
static SimpLabel newLabel ( SimpMember mbr, Jint kind, char*  
                             name, SimpValue v )
```

label creation

This method creates a new label.

Return Value: the created label.
Parameters: mbr — the member in which the label should be created.
kind — the kind of the label.
name — the name of the label.
v — the value of the case label.

3.1.14

```
static void dellLabel ( SimpMember mbr, SimpLabel label )
```

label deletion

This method reclaims the memory of an unused label.

Return Value: void
Parameters: `mbr` — the member to which the label belong.
`label` — the label to delete.

3.1.15

```
static SimpCell newCell ( SimpMember mbr, SimpMeta data )
```

variable creation

This method creates a new list cell.

Return Value: the created list cell.
Parameters: `mbr` — the member in which the cell should be created.
`data` — the associated meta object.

3.1.16

```
static void delCell ( SimpMember mbr, SimpCell cell )
```

list cell deletion

This method reclaims the memory of an unused list cell.

Return Value: void.
Parameters: `mbr` — the member to which the cell belong.
`label` — the cell to delete.

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4.1.1

```
static Jerror begin ( int argc, char* argv[] )
```

initialization

This method initializes the SimpFrontend API.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `argc` — argument count
`argv` — argument vector

4.1.2

```
static Jerror end ( void )
```

finalization

This method finalizes the SimpFrontend API.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

4.1.3

```
static SimpType newPrimitiveType ( Jint kind, Jint size, Jint  
align )
```

primitive type creation

This method creates a new primitive data type.

Return Value: the created type.
Parameters: `kind` — meta object kind, must be one of `KIND_TYPE_BOOL`, `KIND_TYPE_INT`, `KIND_TYPE_UNSIGNED`, `KIND_TYPE_FLOAT`.
`size` — the size (in number of bits) of the type.
`align` — the alignment (in number of bits) of the type.

4.1.4

```
static SimpType newClassType ( Jlong acc, SimpType parent,
                                char* name )
```

class type creation

This method creates a new class data type.

Return Value: the created type.
Parameters: `acc` — the access flag of the class, must be one of the `SimpAcc` value.
`parent` — parent (package or outer class) class.
`name` — name of the class.

4.1.5

```
static SimpCnst newValueCnst ( Jint typekind, Jint typesize,
                                SimpValue v )
```

value constant creation

This method creates a new primitive value constant.

Return Value: the created constant.
Parameters: `typekind` — type of the constant.
`typesize` — size of the constant.
`v` — value of the constant.

4.1.6

```
static SimpCnst newStringCnst ( char* v )
```

string constant creation

This method creates a new string constant.

Return Value: the created constant.
Parameters: v — value of the constant

4.1.7

```
static SimpCnst newMemberRefCnst ( Jint kind, SimpType par-
                                     ent, SimpType type, char
                                     *v, int nargs, SimpType*
                                     args )
```

string constant creation

This method creates a member reference constant.

Return Value: the created constant.
Parameters: kind — kind of the member, must be KIND_FIELD or KIND_METHOD.
parent — class type of which the member belongs to.
type — type (or return type) of the member.
v — name of the member.
nargs — the number of arguments of the member.
args — a vector of argument types.

4.1.8

```
static Jerror beginClassDecl ( SimpType ty, Jlong acc )
```

class declaration initialization

This method signals the beginning of class declaration

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `ty` — the class type to be declared

4.1.9

```
static Jerror extend ( SimpType ty, SimpType superty )
```

class inheritance

This method adds a super type for a class type.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `ty` — the class type to be extended.
`superty` — the super class type.

4.1.10

```
static Jerror implement ( SimpType ty, SimpType superty )
```

interface inheritance

This method adds a super interface type for a class type.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `ty` — the class type to be implemented.
`superty` — the interface class type.

4.1.11

```
static Jerror endClassDecl ( SimpType ty )
```

class declaration finalization

This method signals the end of a class declaration.

@`ty` the class type declared.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

4.1.12

```
static Jerror beginClassDef ( SimpType ty, char* file, Jint x, Jint  

                               y )
```

class definiton initialization

This method signals the beginning of a class definition.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.
Parameters: `ty` — the class type to be defined.
`file` — the source file name where the class is defined.
`x` — the source file column number where the class is defined.
`y` — the source file line number where the class is defined.

4.1.13

```
static Jerror endClassDef ( void )
```

class definition finalization

This method signals the end of a class definition.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

4.1.14

```
static Jerror referenceType ( SimpType ty )
```

type reference

This method signals the use of an external type.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

Parameters: `cnst` — the type constant to be referenced.

4.1.15

```
static Jerror referenceCnst ( SimpCnst cnst )
```

type reference

This method signals the use of an external constant.

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

Parameters: `cnst` — the constant to be referenced.

4.1.16

```
static SimpMember beginField ( Jlong acc, SimpType ty, char*  
                                name, SimpVar thisArg, char*  
                                file, Jint x, Jint y )
```

field definition initialization

This method signals the beginning of a field definition

Return Value: the created field
Parameters: `acc` — the access flag of the field.
`ty` — the type of the field.
`name` — the name of the field.
`file` — the source file name where the field is defined.
`x` — the source file column number where the field is defined.
`y` — the source file line number where the field is defined.

4.1.17

```
static Jerror endField ( void )
```

field definition finalization

This method signals the end of a field definition

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

4.1.18

```
static SimpVar newParameter ( Jlong acc, SimpType type, char*
                               name, char* file, Jint x, Jint y )
```

parameter creation.

This method creates a method parameter

Return Value: the created parameter.
Parameters: `acc` — the access flag of the parameter.
`ty` — the type of the parameter.
`name` — the name of the parameter.
`file` — the source file name where the parameter is defined.
`x` — the source file column number where the parameter is defined.
`y` — the source file line number where the parameter is defined.

4.1.19

```
static SimpMember beginMethod ( Jlong acc, SimpType type,
                                   char* name, SimpVar this-
                                   Arg, int nargs, SimpVar* args,
                                   char* file, Jint x, Jint y )
```

method definition initialization

This method signals the beginning of a method definition

Return Value: the created method

Parameters:

- `acc` — the access flag of the method.
- `ty` — the return type of the method.
- `name` — the name of the method.
- `nargs` — the number of parameters.
- `args` — the vector of parameters.
- `file` — the source file name where the method is defined.
- `x` — the source file column number where the method is defined.
- `y` — the source file line number where the method is defined.

4.1.20

```
static Jerror endMethod ( void )
```

method definition finalization

This method signals the end of a method definition

Return Value: 0 if succeeded, negative if failed.

4.1.21

```
static SimpVar newVariable ( Jlong acc, SimpType type, char*  
                             name, char* file, Jint x, Jint y )
```

variable creation.

This method creates a method local variable

Return Value: the created variable.

Parameters:

- `acc` — the access flag of the variable.
- `ty` — the type of the variable.
- `name` — the name of the variable.
- `file` — the source file name where the variable is defined.
- `x` — the source file column number where the variable is defined.
- `y` — the source file line number where the variable is defined.

4.1.22

```
static SimpLabel newLabel ( Jint kind, char* name, SimpValue
                             v )
```

label creation.

This method creates a method label.

Return Value: the created label.

Parameters:

- `kind` — the kind of the label, must be one of `KIND_LABEL`, `KIND_CASE_LABEL`, `KIND_DEFAULT_DEFAULT`.
- `v` — the case label.
- `name` — the name of the label.

4.1.23

```
static SimpDag newThisDag ( void )
```

instruction creation.

This method creates an `OP_LODP` instruction that references `this`.

Return Value: the created instruction.

4.1.24

```
static SimpDag newDag ( Joint gopcode, SimpType type, SimpDag base, SimpDag src1, SimpDag src2, SimpMeta symb, Jint offset )
```

instruction creation.

This method creates an instruction in `KIND_FORMAT_2DAG` format.

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: `gopcode` — the opcode of the instruction.
`type` — the type of the instruction.
`base` — the base operand of the instruction.
`src1` — the first source operand of the instruction.
`src2` — the second source operand of the instruction.
`symb` — the associated symbol (variable, label or constant).
`offset` — offset.

4.1.25

```
static SimpDag newDag ( Joint gopcode, SimpType type, SimpDag base, Jint noperands, SimpDag* operands, SimpMeta symb )
```

instruction creation.

This method creates an instruction in `KIND_FORMAT_NDAG` format.

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: `gopcode` — the opcode of the instruction.
`type` — the type of the instruction.
`base` — the base operand of the instruction.
`noperands` — the number of source operands.
`operands` — the vector of operands.
`symb` — the associated symbol (variable, label or constant).

4.1.26

```
static SimpDag newDag ( Juint gopcode, SimpType type, SimpDag base, Jint ntargets, SimpLabel* targets )
```

instruction creation.

This method creates an instruction in `KIND_FORMAT_NDAG` format.

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: `gopcode` — the opcode of the instruction.
`type` — the type of the instruction.
`base` — the base operand of the instruction.
`ntargets` — the number of targets.
`targets` — the vector of targets.

4.1.27

```
static SimpDag newDag ( char* file, int x, int y )
```

instruction creation.

This method creates an instruction in `KIND_FORMAT_COORD` format.

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: `file` — the source file name.
`x` — the source file column number.
`y` — the source file line number.

4.1.28

```
static Jerror addDag ( SimpDag dag )
```

instruction creation.

This method adds an instruction tree to the method.

Return Value: the created instruction.
Parameters: dag — the instruction to be added.

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