

Chapter 7

Virtual Machine, Part I

These slides support chapter 7 of the book

The Elements of Computing Systems

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Jack program

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- Writing on the screen
- Handling class, function ...
- Handling do, while, ...
- function call and return
- operating system
- ...

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A: They treat the high-level language as an *abstraction*.



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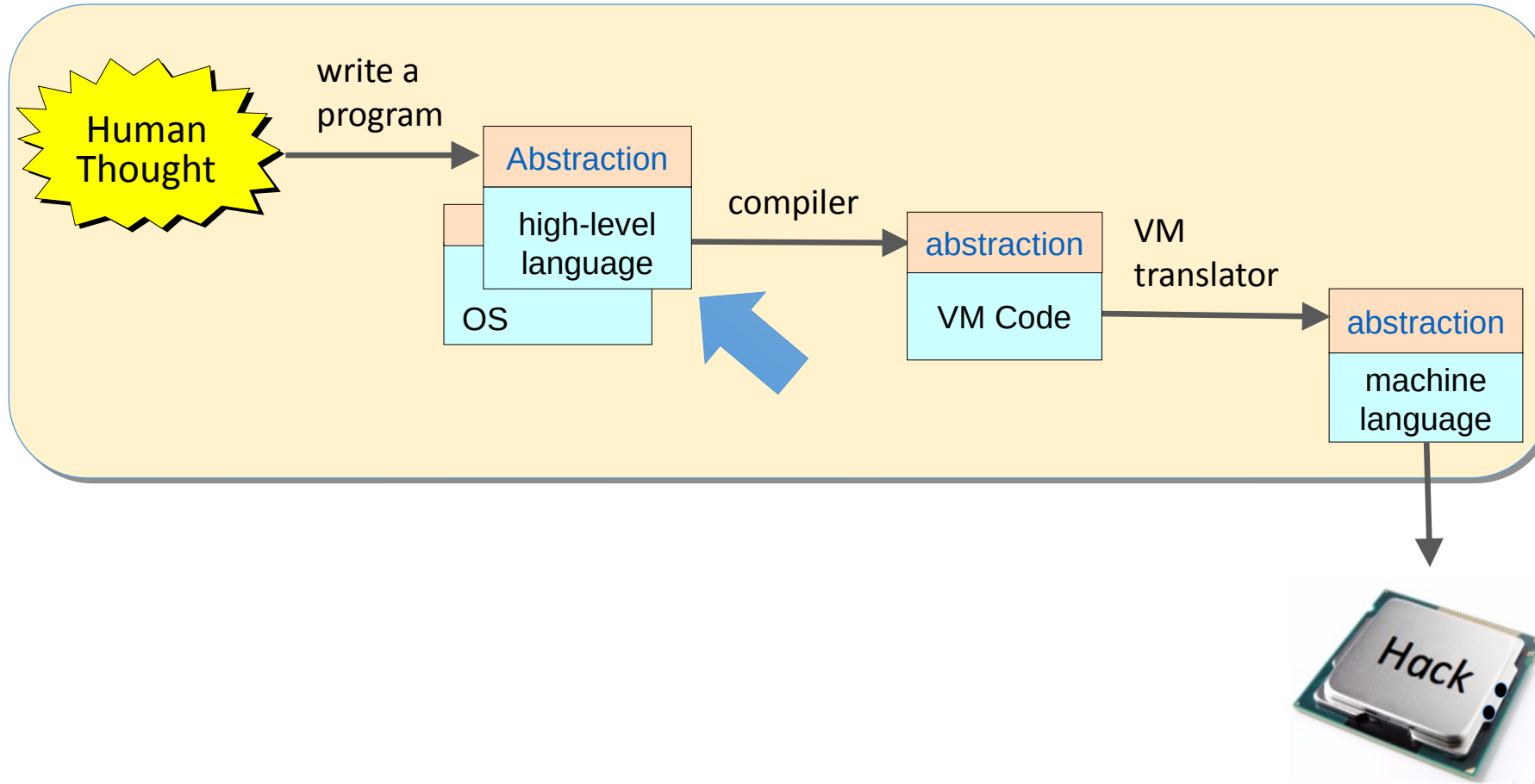
A:

- ▣ Assembler
- ▣ Virtual machine
- ▣ Compiler
- ▣ Operating system

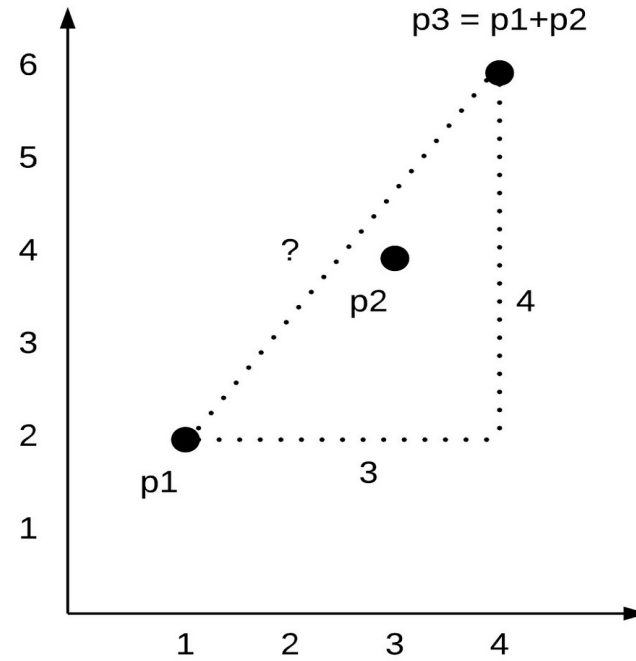
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The big picture



High-level programming



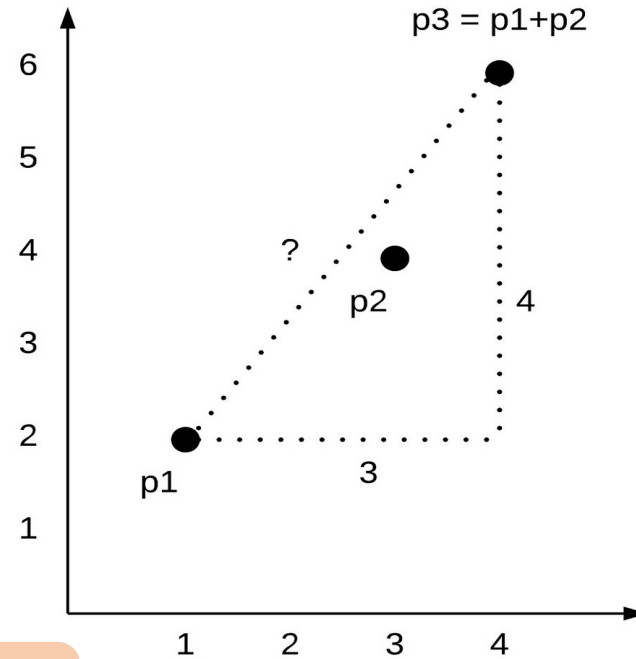
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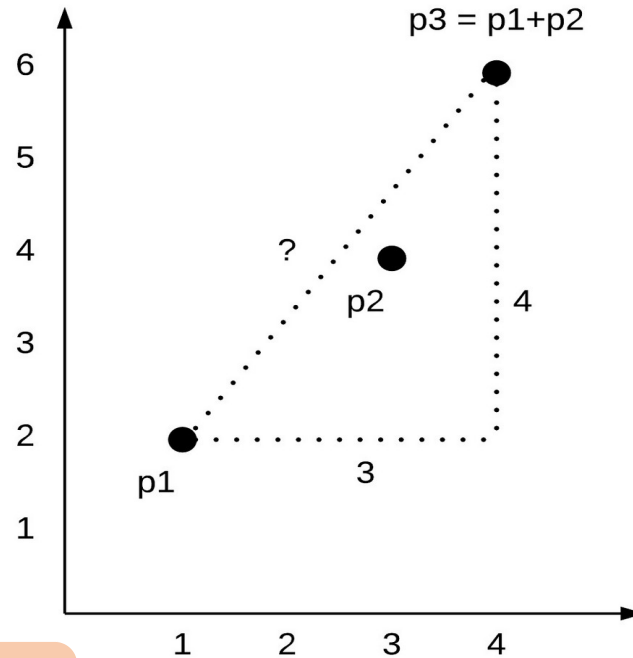
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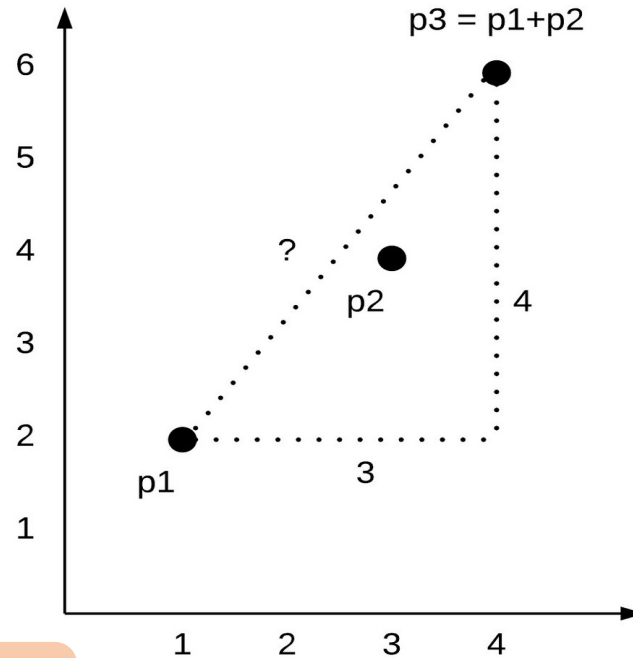
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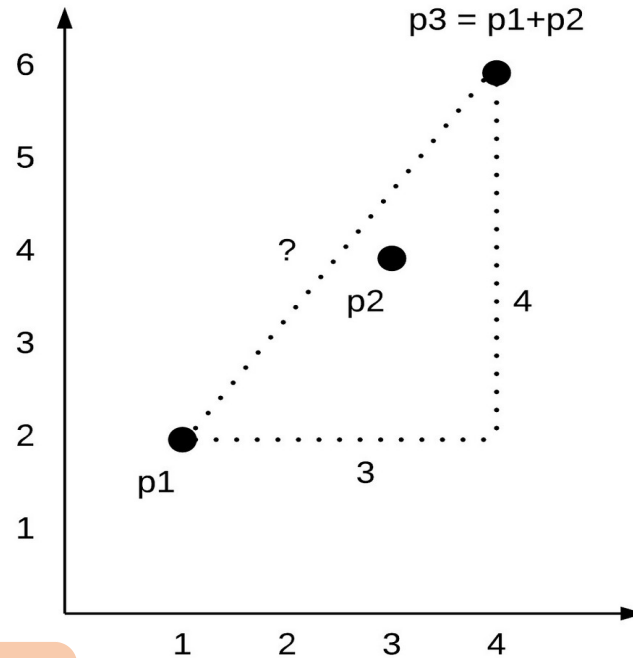
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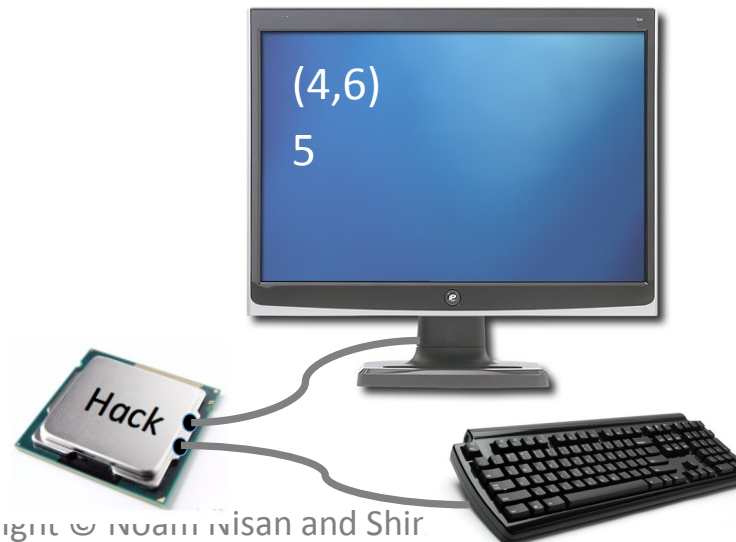
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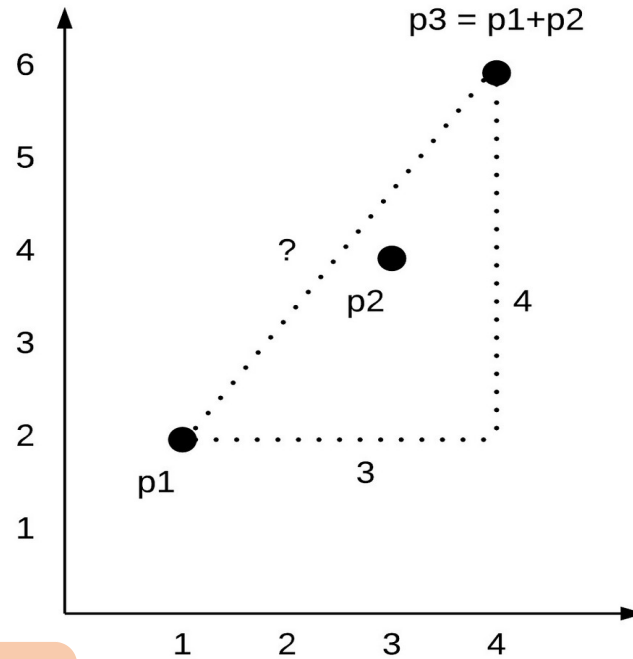
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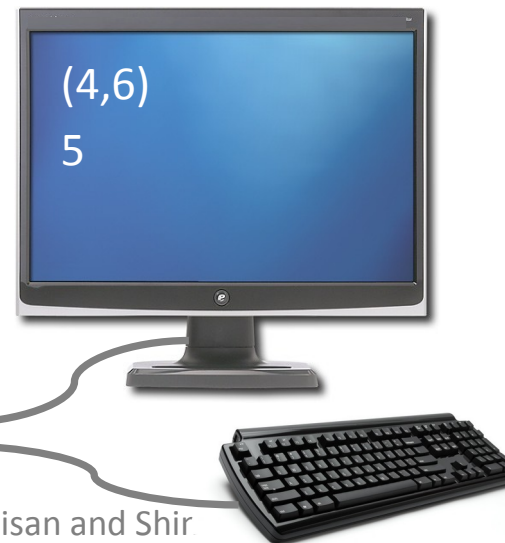
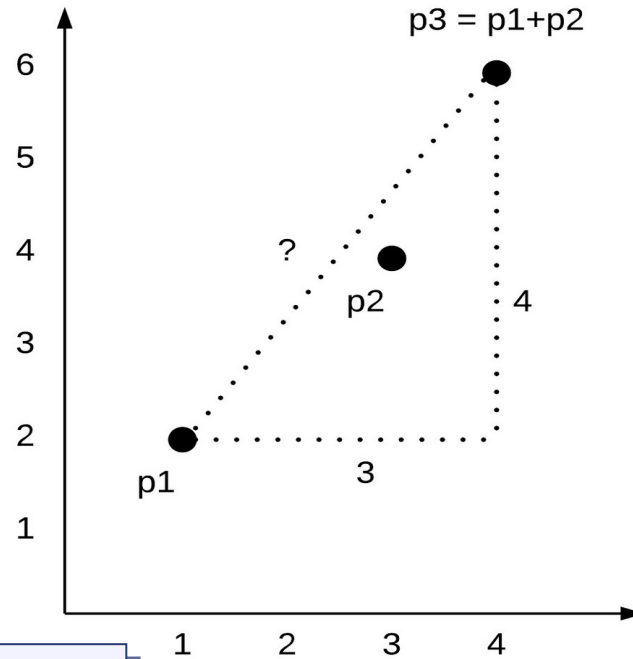
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/** Represents a Point */
class Point {
  field int x, y;
  static int pointCount;
  /** Constructs a new point */
  constructor Point new(int ax, int ay) {
    let x = ax;
    let y = ay;
    let pointCount = pointCount + 1;
    return this;
  }
  // More Point methods...
}
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High-level programming / Point class

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/** Represents a Point; Stored in the file Point.jack */
class Point {
    field int x, y; // the coordinates of this point
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    }

    /** Returns the x coordinate of this point */
    method int getx() { return x; }

    /** Returns the y coordinate of this point */
    method int gety() { return y; }

    /** Returns the number of Point objects constructed so far */
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    /** Returns the point which is this point plus the other point */
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        return Point.new(x + other.getx(), y + other.gety());
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    // The methods from the previous slide...

    /** Returns the Cartesian distance between this and the other point */
    method int distance(Point other) {
        var int dx, dy;
        let dx = x - other.getx();
        let dy = y - other.gety();
        return Math.sqrt((dx*dx)+ (dy*dy));
    }

    /** Prints this point, as (x,y) */
    method void print() {
        do Output.printString("(");
        do Output.printInt(x);
        do Output.printString(",");
        do Output.printInt(y);
        do Output.printString(")");
        return;
    }
} // class Point ends here
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Jack has the look and feel of a typical high-level, object-based language

Recap

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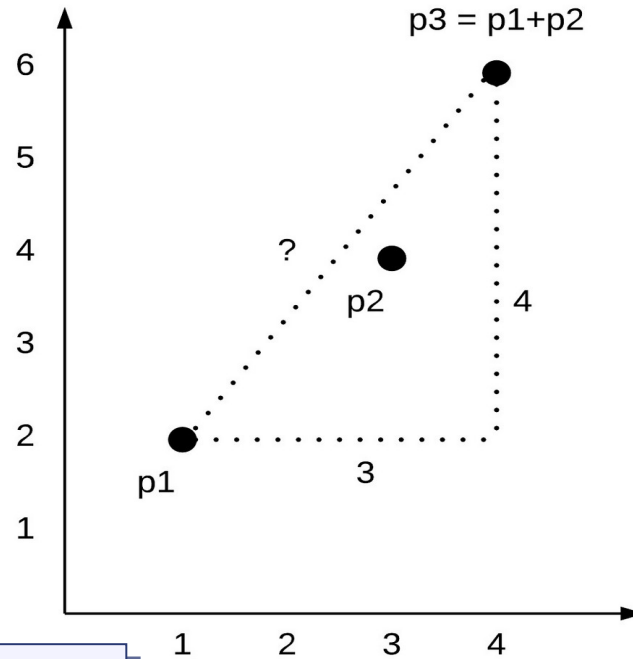
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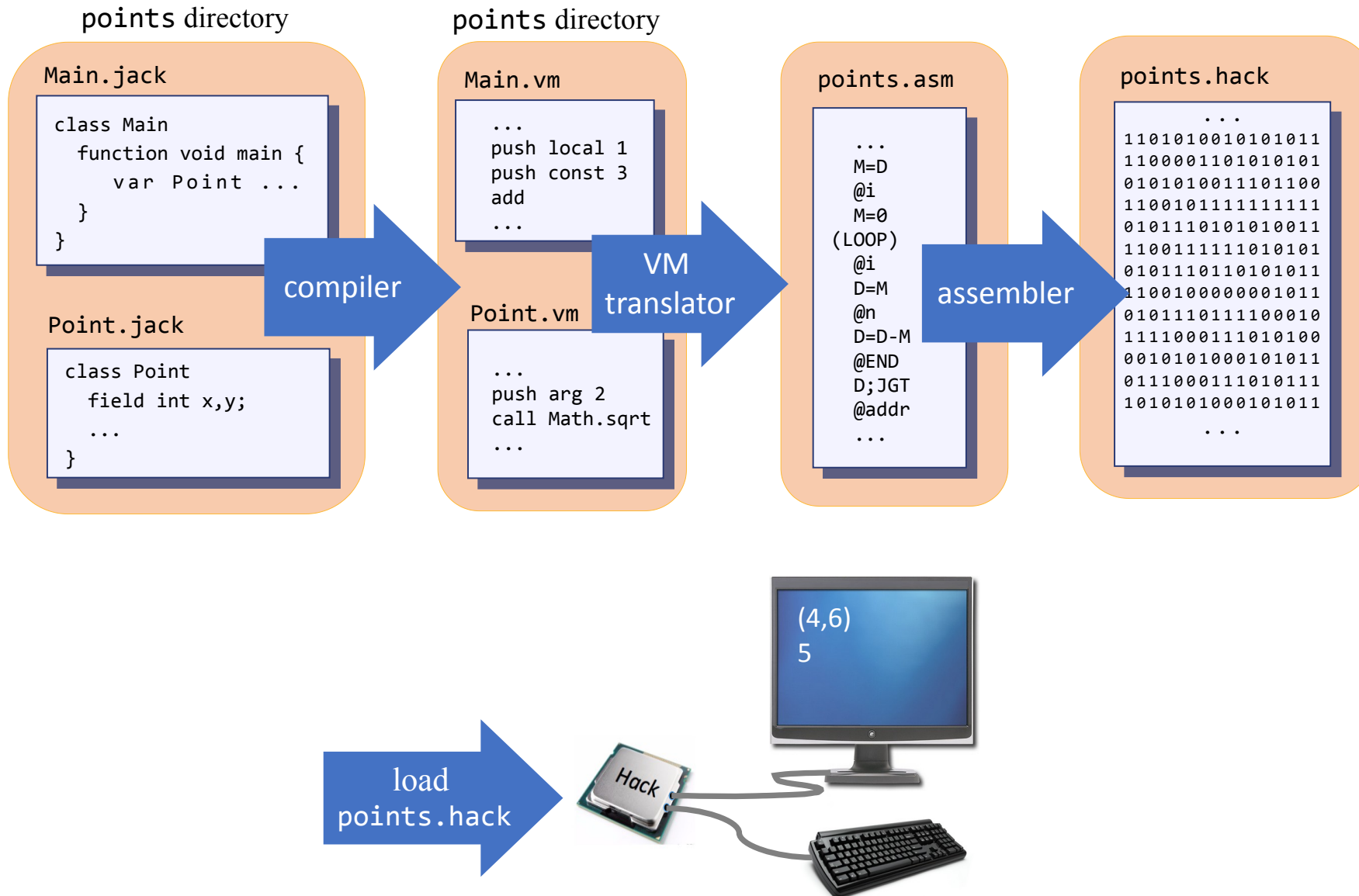
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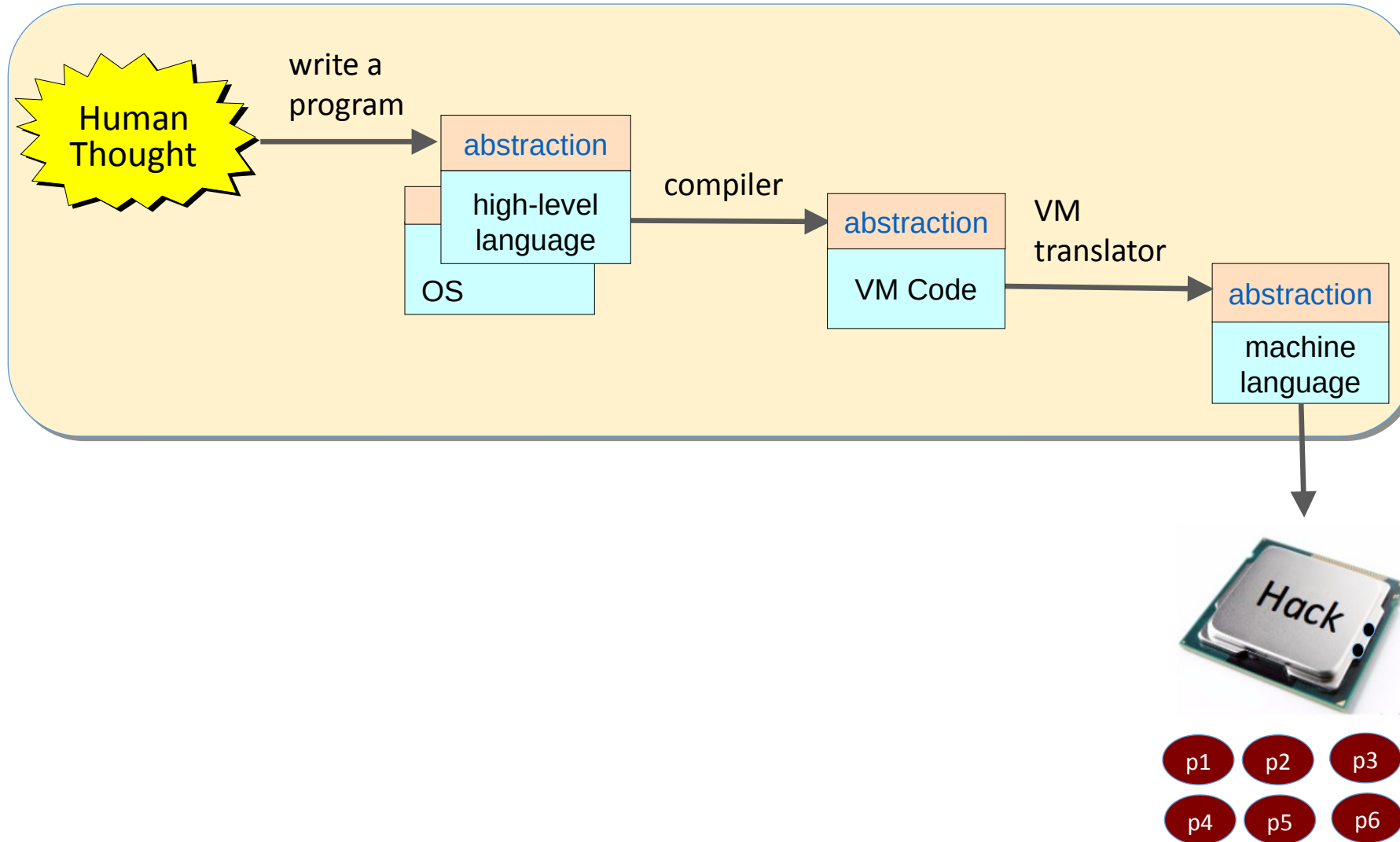
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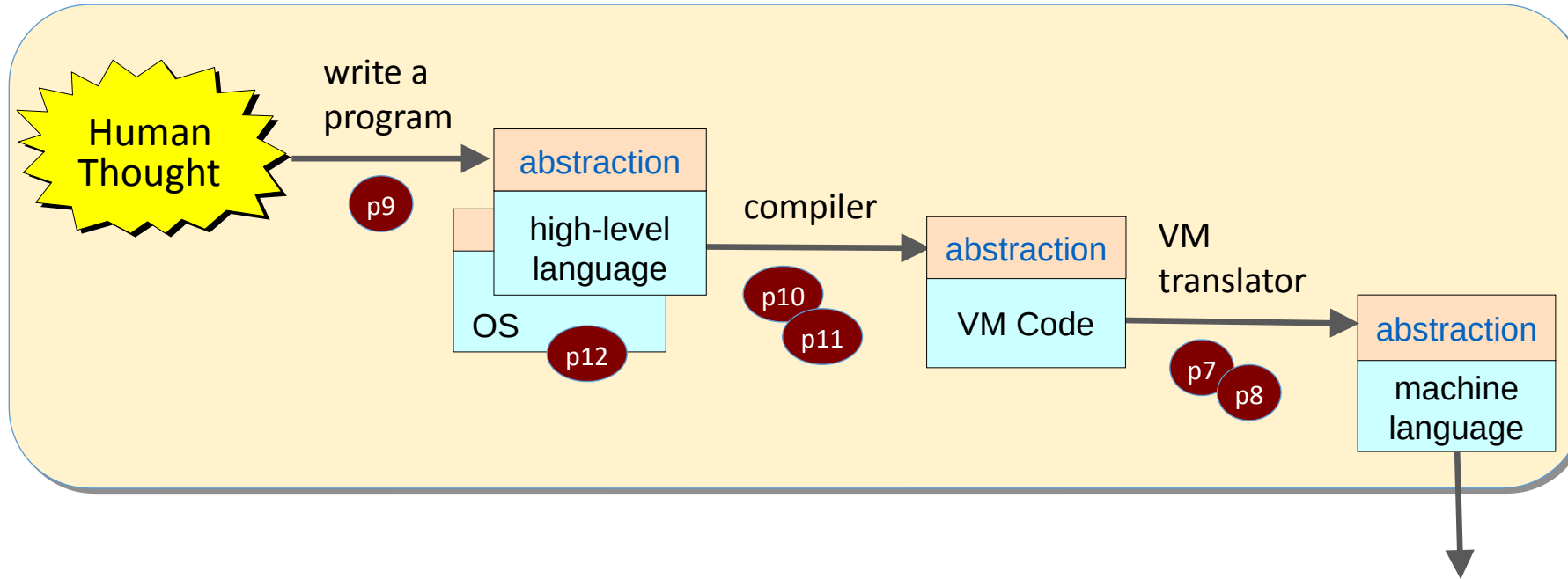
From high-level to low-level



The road ahead



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Projects:

p7, p7: building a virtual machine

p9: writing a computer game

p10, p11: developing a compiler

p12: developing an operating system

