

CS 3721: Programming Languages Lab

Lab #9: Memory layout

Memory layout Instead of drawing a pictorial graph of the memory snapshot, the following describes each activation record in a textual format.

Example code:

```
1:  val x = 1;
2:  fun g(z) = x+z;
3:  fun h(z) =
4:      let x = 2 in
5:          g(z);
6:  h(3);
```

Memory layout (runtime stack):

```
/* "->" means "points-to"; ":" means "has value" */
/* <global, code for g> is the closure storage for function g*/
/* <h(3) : ?> means h(3) has an undefined value at the time*/
/* <global.h(3)> means the h(3) storage allocated in the AV of global*/
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```
global : {
    Control Link -> NULL;
    Access Link -> NULL;
    Return Address -> OS code;
    Return Result Address -> OS data;
    x : 1 ;
    g -> <global, code for g> ;
    h -> <global, code for h> ;
    h(3) : ? ;
}
h(3) : {
    Control Link -> global;
    Access Link -> global;
    Return Address -> <line after 6>;
    Return Result Address -> global.h(3);
    z : 3;
}

h(3)-1: {
    Control Link -> h(3);
    Access Link -> h(3);
    x : 2 ;
    g(z) : 4;
}
g(z) : {
    Control Link -> h(3);
```

```
Access Link -> global;
Return Address -> <line after 5>;
Return Result Address -> h(3).g(z) ;
z : 3 ;
x+z : 4;
}
```

1. Draw (in the textual format) the memory layout for the following ML code immediately before the first call to *mult* returns.

```
1: let val x = 1; val y = 2
2: in let fun compose(f, g) =
3:         f(g(x));
4:         fun mult(x) =
5:             x*y
6:         in let val x = 3 in
7:             compose(mult, mult)
8:         end
9:     end
10: end;
```