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- ▶ Program is collection of functions and it contains at least one function i.e main()
- ▶ **It offers code reuse(avoid rewriting).**
- ▶ **Function is key for modularized programming.**
- ▶ Large program can be broken to small function units and it is good for maintenance.

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- ▶ Function is block of statements that perform specific task.
- ▶ Function should be declared before using /calling why?
- ▶ **Functions are derived data types in Cpp to declaration is necessary before us.**
- ▶ Function name can be any valid identifier.
- ▶ Function is set of instruction and program is group of functions.

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- ▶ Function is divided into two parts: function header and function body.
- ▶ Syntax for declaration:

Return Datatype Function name(arguments);

Return type aka Function Type.

Use of parameter/arguments names are optional.

- ▶ Default return type is int, any datatype can be used as return type.
- ▶ Before calling function it should be declared.
- ▶ Examples
 - `Cal(x,y,z); int x,y,z;`
 - `Cal(int x,int y,int z);`
 - `Cal(int,int,int);`

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- ▶ Syntax for definition:

Return Datatype Function name(formal arguments)

{

Local variable declaration

function code

return //optional

//Only one value can be returned from function

}

If the function is defined before main ,declaration is not needed.

- ▶ Calling function

- ▶ syntax: **fun_name(actual arguments);**

- ▶ With value collection => var=fun(a,b,c);

- ▶ Without collecting value => fun();

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- ▶ The function which call other function is called as calling function or caller.(main)
- ▶ The function which is called from other function is called callee or called function.
- ▶ Any function can be called from any function.
- ▶ **When we call function control gets transferred to called function and after executing function code, function returns control to caller function.**

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- ▶ No of actual arguments must be same as no of formal arguments.
- ▶ Names of actual and form arguments can be same as they have different memory hence changes made in formal arguments do not get reflected in actual arguments.
- ▶ Scope of formal parameters and local variables declared in function is same for function only.
- ▶ **Every time the function gets called memory gets allocated and de allocated for formal arguments and actual arguments. Static can be used for remembering value.**

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- ▶ A function can return only one value to caller using return.
- ▶ More than one returns are allowed but only one returns control.
- ▶ **While passing array there is no need of major dimension of an array. Ex. `Fun(int mat[][2]);`**
- ▶ The function which call itself is called recursive function.
- ▶ We can call main() from other fun or recursively

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- ▶ There are two types of functions
- ▶ **Standard Library functions.** Ex. `getline()`, `get()`
 - The declaration of library functions is present in header files but definitions are provided by `.lib` file.
- ▶ **User defined functions.** Ex. `add()`;
 - User defined functions can be declared in header files `.h` and defined in `.cpp` file.

Story of main()

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- ▶ Every c program contains at least one function called main();
- ▶ Entry and exit of every c program is main();
- ▶ C compiler declares it and programmer defines it.
- ▶ A compiler supplied routine(*called_main()*) is usually called from operating system when program execution starts.
- ▶ *Called_main()* routine performs two jobs
 - *It opens stdin and stdout files.*
 - *It passes parameter list(argc,argv,env);*

Passing values to function

- ▶ Pass by Value/call by value
 - Actual arguments values are copied to formal argument .
 - ***Any change in formal argument does get reflected to actual arguments.***
 - Returning by value also copies value.
- ▶ Pass by reference/pass by pointer/pass by address
 - ***Address or pointers passed as arguments so changes done in formal parameters reflects in to actual arguments.***
 - While returning address be careful about local variables.

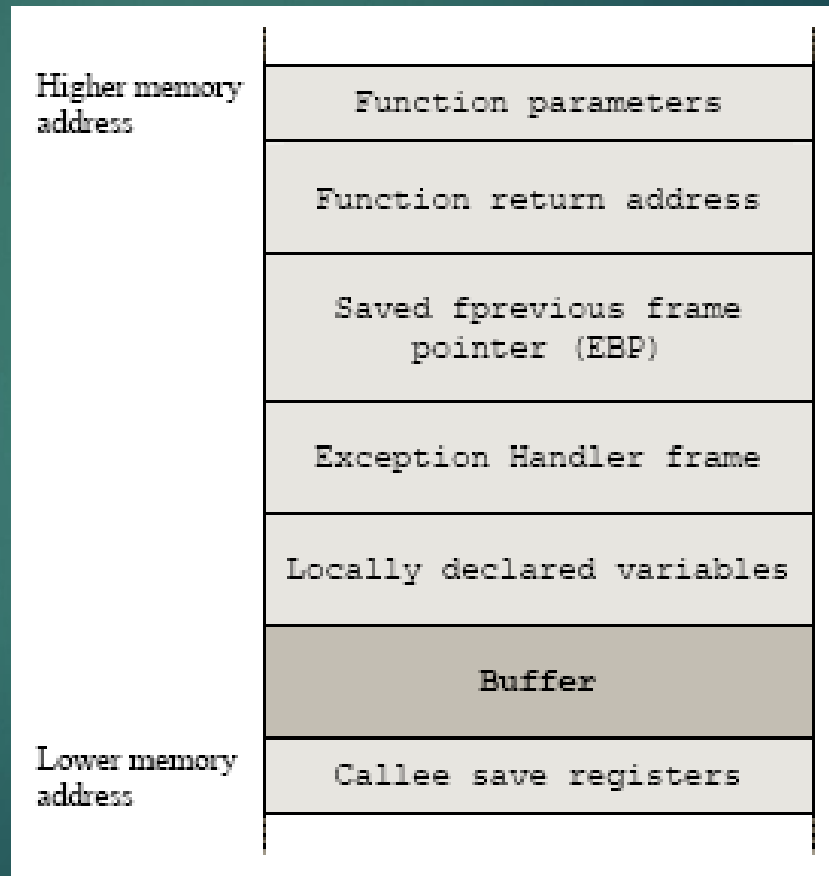
Function Calling Sequence

- ▶ Stack frame constructed during the function call for memory allocation implicitly. Explicitly, memory allocation can be requested from and released to heap area using ***malloc()***, ***calloc()***, ***realloc()***, ***new***, ***free()*** and ***delete*** respectively. A typical layout of a stack frame is shown below although it may be organized differently in different operating systems:
 - Function parameters.
 - Function's return address.
 - Frame pointer.
 - Exception Handler frame.
 - Locally declared variables.
 - Buffer.
 - Callee save registers.

Stack trace

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- And the arrangement in the stack can be illustrated as shown below.



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- ▶ As an example in Windows/Intel, typically, when the function call takes place, data elements are stored on the stack in the following way:
 - ▶ The function parameters are pushed on the stack before the function is called. The parameters are pushed from right to left.
 - ▶ ***The function return address is placed on the stack by the x86 CALL instruction, which stores the current value of the EIP register.***
 - ▶ Then, the frame pointer that is the previous value of the EBP register is placed on the stack.
 - ▶ ***If a function includes try/catch or any other exception handling construct such as SEH (Structured Exception Handling - Microsoft implementation), the compiler will include exception handling information on the stack.***
 - ▶ Next, the locally declared variables.
 - ▶ ***Then the buffers are allocated for temporary data storage.***
 - ▶ Finally, the callee save registers.

Mathematical Functions(cmath)

- ▶ Power function

`y= pow(a,b);`

- ▶ Square root

`y= sqrt(a);`

- ▶ Exponential

`y= exp(a);`

- ▶ Logarithm

`log(x);` natural log

`log10(x);` log to base 10

`fabs(x);` absolute value

`ceil(x);` rounding up to nearest

`floor(x);` rounding down to nearest

`sin, cos, tan, sinh, cosh, tanh`

All Logarithm function takes and return double value

Thank You

Always write reusable code!!!!

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