Initializing an Array of Structures

- Initializing an array of structures is done in much the same way as initializing a multidimensional array
- Each structure has its own brace-enclosed initializer; the array initializer wraps another set of braces around the structure initializers



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Initializing an Array of Structures

- Example: initializing an array that contains country codes used when making international telephone calls
- The elements of the array will be structures that store the name of a country along with its code

```
struct dialing_code
{ char *country;
  int code;
};
```



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```
const struct dialing_code country_codes[] =
                          84 } };
```

The inner braces around each structure value are optional



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Initializing an Array of Structures

- C99's designated initializers allow an item to have more than one designator
- A declaration of the inventory array that uses a designated initializer to create a single part

```
struct part inventory[100] =
  {[0].number = 528, [0].on hand = 10,}
   [0].name[0] = '\0'\};
```

The first two items in the initializer use two designators; the last item uses three



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Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- The **inventory.c** program illustrates how nested arrays and structures are used in practice
- The program tracks parts stored in a warehouse
- Information about the parts is stored in
 - An array of structures
 - Contents of each structure is
 - · Part number
 - Name
 - Quantity



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Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- Operations supported by the program
 - Add a new part:
 - part number
 - part name
 - · initial quantity on hand
 - Given a part number,
 - print the name of the part and the current quantity on hand
 - Given a part number,
 - change the quantity on hand
 - Print a table showing all information in the database
 - Terminate program execution



Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- The codes i (insert), s (search), u (update), p (print), and q (quit) will be used to represent these operations
- A session with the program will be as follow:

```
Enter operation code: <u>i</u>
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Enter part name: <u>Disk drive</u>
Enter quantity on hand: <u>10</u>

Enter operation code: <u>s</u>
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Part name: Disk drive
Quantity on hand: 10
```



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```
Enter operation code: s
Enter part number: 914
Part not found.

Enter operation code: i
Enter part number: 914
Enter part name: Printer cable
Enter quantity on hand: 5

Enter operation code: u
Enter part number: 528
Enter change in quantity on hand: -2
```



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```
Enter operation code: \underline{s}
Enter part number: \underline{528}
Part name: Disk drive
Quantity on hand: 8

Enter operation code: \underline{p}
Part Number Part Name Quantity on Hand \underline{528} Disk drive \underline{8}
914 Printer cable \underline{5}
```



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Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- The program will store information about each part in a structure
- The structures will be stored in an array named inventory
- A variable named num_parts will keep track of the number of parts currently stored in the array



Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

• An outline of the program's main loop

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Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- Separate functions will perform the *insert*, *search*, *update*, and *print* operations
- Since the functions will all need access to inventory and num_parts, these variables will be *external*
- The program is split into three files

```
inventory.c (the bulk of the program)readline.h (contains the prototype for the read_line function)readline.c (contains the definition of read_line)
```



```
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                       inventory.c
/* Maintains a parts database (array version) */
#include <stdio.h>
#include "readline.h"
#define NAME LEN 25
#define MAX PARTS 100
struct part
{ int number;
  char name[NAME LEN+1];
  int on_hand;
} inventory[MAX_PARTS];
int num_parts = 0;  /* number of parts currently stored */
int find_part(int number);
void insert(void);
void search(void);
void update(void);
void print(void);
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```

```
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/********************
 * main: Prompts the user to enter an operation code,
        then calls a function to perform the requested
        action.
        Repeats until the user enters the command 'q'.
        Prints an error message if the user enters an
        illegal code.
int main(void)
 char code;
  for (;;)
  { printf("Enter operation code: ");
   scanf(" %c", &code);
   while (getchar() != '\n') /* skips to end of line */
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```



```
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 exists, prints the name and quantity on hand;
         if not, prints an error message.
 ******************
void search(void)
 int i, number;
 printf("Enter part number: ");
 scanf("%d", &number);
 i = find_part(number);
 if (i >= 0)
 { printf("Part name: %s\n", inventory[i].name);
   printf("Quantity on hand: %d\n", inventory[i].on hand);
 else
   printf("Part not found.\n");
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```

```
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/********************
 * update: Prompts the user to enter a part number.
          Prints an error message if the part does not
          exist; otherwise, prompts the user to enter
          change in quantity on hand and updates the
          database.
void update(void)
 int i, number, change;
 printf("Enter part number: ");
 scanf("%d", &number);
 i = find part(number);
 if (i >= 0)
  { printf("Enter change in quantity on hand: ");
   scanf("%d", &change);
   inventory[i].on_hand += change;
 else
   printf("Part not found.\n");
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```


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Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- The version of read_line in Chapter 13 will not work properly in the current program
- Consider what happens when the user inserts a part

```
Enter part number: <u>528</u>
Enter part name: <u>Disk drive</u>
```

- The user presses the Enter key after entering the part number, leaving an invisible new-line character that the program must read
- When scanf reads the part number, it consumes the 5,
 2, and 8, but leaves the new-line character unread



Program: Maintaining a Parts Database

- If we try to read the part name using the original read_line function, it will encounter the new-line character immediately and stop reading
- This problem is common when numerical input is followed by character input
- One solution is to write a version of read_line that skips white-space characters before it begins storing characters
- This solves the new-line problem and also allows us to avoid storing blanks that precede the part name



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readline.c

```
#include <ctype.h>
#include <stdio.h>
#include "readline.h"

int read_line(char str[], int n)
{
   int ch, i = 0;

   while (isspace(ch = getchar()))
   ;
   while (ch != '\n')
   { if (i < n)
        str[i++] = ch;
        ch = getchar();
   }
   str[i] = '\0';
   return i;
}</pre>
```

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Unions

- A *union*, like a structure, consists of one or more members, possibly of different types
- The compiler allocates only enough space for the largest of the members, which overlay each other within this space
- Assigning a new value to one member alters the values of the other members as well



Unions

• An example of a union variable

```
union
{ int i;
  double d;
} u;
```

• The declaration of a union closely resembles a structure declaration

```
struct
{ int i;
  double d;
} s;
```

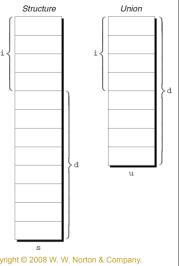


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Unions

- The structure s and the union u differ in just one way
- The members of s are stored at different addresses in memory
- The members of u are stored at the same address



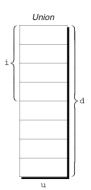


Unions

• Members of a union are accessed in the same way as members of a structure

```
u.i = 82;
u.d = 74.8;
```

- Changing one member of a union alters any value previously stored in any of the other members
 - Storing a value in u.d causes any value previously stored in u.i to be lost
 - Changing u.i corrupts u.d





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Unions

- The properties of unions are almost identical to the properties of structures
 - We can declare *union tags* and *union types* in the same way we declare structure tags and types
 - Like structures, unions can be
 - copied using the = operator,
 - passed to functions, and
 - returned by functions



Unions

- By default, the first member of a union can be given an initial value
- Here it is how to initialize the i member of u to 0

```
union
{ int i;
  double d;
} u = {0};
```

• The expression inside the braces must be constant



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Unions

- Designated initializers can also be used with unions
- A designated initializer allows us to specify which member of a union should be initialized

```
union
{ int i;
  double d;
} u = {.d = 10.0};
```

• Only one member can be initialized, but it does not have to be the first one



Unions

- Applications for unions
 - Saving space
 - Building mixed data structures
 - Viewing storage in different ways (to be discussed in *Chapter 20*)



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Using Unions to Save Space

- Unions can be used to save space in structures
- Suppose that we are designing a structure that will contain information about an item that is sold through a gift catalog
- Each item has a stock number and a price, as well as other information that depends on the type of the item

Books: Title, author, number of pages

Mugs: Design

Shirts: Design, colors available, sizes available



Using Unions to Save Space

• A first attempt at designing the catalog item structure

```
struct catalog_item
{ int stock_number;
  double price;
  int item_type;
  char title[TITLE_LEN+1];
  char author[AUTHOR_LEN+1];
  int num_pages;
  char design[DESIGN_LEN+1];
  int colors;
  int sizes;
};
```



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- The item_type member would have one of the values BOOK, MUG, or SHIRT
- The colors and sizes members would store encoded combinations of colors and sizes
- This structure wastes space, since only part of the information in the structure is common to all items in the catalog
- By putting a union inside the catalog_item structure, we can reduce the space required by the structure



Chapter 16: Structures, Unions, and Enumerations Using Unions to Save Space struct catalog item { int stock number; double price; int item_type; union { struct { char title[TITLE_LEN+1]; char author [AUTHOR LEN+1]; int num_pages; } book; struct char design[DESIGN_LEN+1]; } mug; struct { char design[DESIGN LEN+1]; int colors; int sizes; shirt; } item; **C**PROGRAMMING Copyright © 2008 W. W. Norton & Company. All rights reserved.

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• If c is a catalog_item structure that represents a book, we can print the book's title in the following way

struct catalog_item {
 int stock_number;
 double price;
 int item_type;
 union

```
printf("%s", c.item.book.title);
```

```
int stock_number;
double price;
int item_type;
union
{ struct
  { char title[TITLE_LEN+1];
    char author[AUTHOR_LEN+1];
    int num_pages;
  } book;
  struct
  { char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
  } mug;
  struct
  { char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
    int colors;
    int sizes;
   shirt;
} item;
```



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Using Unions to Save Space

• If c is a catalog_item structure that represents a book, we can print the book's title in the following way

```
printf("%s", c.item.book.title);
```

```
int stock number;
double price;
int item_type;
union
{ struct
  { char title[TITLE LEN+1];
    char author[AUTHOR LEN+1];
    int num_pages;
  } book;
  struct
  { char design[DESIGN_LEN+1];
 struct
  { char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
    int colors:
    int sizes;
    shirt;
 item;
```



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Using Unions to Save Space

- The union embedded in the catalog_item structure contains three structures as members
- Two of these (mug and shirt) begin with a matching member (design)
- Now, suppose that we assign a value to one of the design members:

```
strcpy(c.item.mug.design, "Cats");
```

• The design member in the other structure will be defined and have the same value:

```
printf("%s", c.item.shirt.design);
   /* prints "Cats" */
```



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Using Unions to Build Mixed Data Structures

- Unions can be used to create data structures that contain a mixture of data of different types
- Suppose that we need an array whose elements are a mixture of int and double values
- First, we define a union type whose members represent the different kinds of data to be stored in the array

```
typedef union
{ int i;
  double d;
} Number;
```



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Using Unions to Build Mixed Data Structures

 Next, we create an array whose elements are Number values

```
Number number array[1000];
```

- A Number union can store either an int value or a double value
- This makes it possible to store a mixture of int and double values in number array

```
number_array[0].i = 5;
number array[1].d = 8.395;
```



Adding a "Tag Field" to a Union

- There is no easy way to tell which member of a union was last changed and therefore contains a meaningful value
- Consider the problem of writing a function that displays the value stored in a Number union

```
void print_number(Number n)
{
  if (n contains an integer)
    printf("%d", n.i);
  else
    printf("%g", n.d);
}
```

There is no way for print_number to determine whether n contains an integer or a floating-point number



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Adding a "Tag Field" to a Union

- In order to keep track of this information, we can embed the union within a structure that has one other member: a "tag field" or "discriminant"
- The purpose of the tag field is to remind us what is currently stored in the union
- item_type served this purpose in the catalog_item structure

```
truct catalog item
int stock number;
double price;
int item_type;
union
 { struct
   { char title[TITLE LEN+1];
    char author[AUTHOR LEN+1];
     int num_pages;
  } book;
  struct
   { char design[DESIGN LEN+1];
  } mua:
  struct
  { char design[DESIGN_LEN+1];
    int colors;
     int sizes;
    shirt:
  item:
```

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Adding a "Tag Field" to a Union

• The Number type as a structure with an embedded union

```
#define INT_KIND 0
#define DOUBLE_KIND 1

typedef struct
{ int kind;    /* tag field */
    union
    { int i;
        double d;
    } u;
} Number;
```

 The value of kind will be either INT_KIND or DOUBLE KIND



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Adding a "Tag Field" to a Union

- Each time we assign a value to a member of u, we will also change kind to remind us which member of u we modified
- An example that assigns a value to the i member of u

```
n.kind = INT_KIND;
n.u.i = 82;
```

An example that assigns a value to the d member of u

```
n.kind = DOUBLE_KIND;
n.u.d = 7.65;
```

n is assumed to be a Number variable



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Adding a "Tag Field" to a Union

- When the number stored in a Number variable is retrieved, kind will tell us which member of the union was the last to be assigned a value
- A function that takes advantage of this capability

```
void print_number(Number n)
{
  if (n.kind == INT_KIND)
    printf("%d", n.u.i);
  else
    printf("%g", n.u.d);
}
```



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Enumerations

- In many programs, we will need variables that have only a small set of meaningful values
- A variable that stores the suit of a playing card should have only four potential values: "clubs" "diamonds" "hearts" and "spades"



Enumerations

• A "*suit*" variable can be declared as an integer, with a set of codes that represent the possible values of the variable

```
int s;  /* s will store a suit */
...
s = 2;  /* 2 represents "hearts" */
```

- Problems with this technique:
 - We can not tell that s has only four possible values
 - The significance of 2 is not apparent



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Enumerations

• Using macros to define a suit "type" and names for the various suits is a step in the right direction

```
#define SUIT int
#define CLUBS 0
#define DIAMONDS 1
#define HEARTS 2
#define SPADES 3
```

• An updated version of the previous example

```
SUIT s;
...
s = HEARTS;
```



Enumerations

- Problems with this technique:
 - There is no indication to someone reading the program that the macros represent values of the same "type"
 - The names CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, and SPADES will be removed by the preprocessor, so they will not be available during debugging



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Enumerations

- C provides a special kind of type which designed specifically for variables that have a small number of possible values
- An *enumerated type* is a type whose values are listed *(enumerated)* by the programmer
- Each value must have a name (an *enumeration constant*)



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Enumerations

 Although enumerations have little in common with structures and unions, they are declared in a similar way

```
enum {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES} s1, s2;
```

- Enumeration constants are <u>similar</u> to constants created with the #define directive, but they are <u>not equivalent</u>
 - If an enumeration is declared inside a function, its constants will not be visible outside the function



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Enumeration Tags and Type Names

- As with structures and unions, there are two ways to name an enumeration
 - by declaring a *tag* or
 - by using typedef
- Enumeration tags resemble structure and union tags
 enum suit {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES};
- enum suit variables would be declared in the following way enum suit s1, s2;



Enumeration Tags and Type Names

 As an alternative, we could use typedef to make Suit a type name

```
typedef enum {CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, SPADES} Suit;
Suit s1, s2;
```

• In C89, using typedef to name an enumeration is an excellent way to create a Boolean type

```
typedef enum {FALSE, TRUE} Bool;
```



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Enumerations as Integers

- Behind the scenes, **C** treats enumeration variables and constants as integers
- By default, the compiler assigns the integers 0, 1,
 2, ... to the constants in a particular enumeration
- In the suit enumeration, CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, and SPADES represent 0, 1, 2, and 3, respectively



Enumerations as Integers

• The programmer can choose different values for enumeration constants

 The values of enumeration constants may be arbitrary integers, listed in no particular order

• It is even *legal* for two or more enumeration constants to have the same value



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Enumerations as Integers

- When no value is specified for an enumeration constant, its value is one greater than the value of the previous constant
- The first enumeration constant has the value 0 by default
- Example



Enumerations as Integers

• Enumeration values can be mixed with ordinary integers

- s is treated as a variable of some integer type
- CLUBS, DIAMONDS, HEARTS, and SPADES are names for the integers 0, 1, 2, and 3



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Enumerations as Integers

- Although it is convenient to be able to use an enumeration value as an integer, it is dangerous to use an integer as an enumeration value
- For example, we might accidentally store the number 4 into s, which does not correspond to any suit



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Using Enumerations to Declare "Tag Fields"

- Enumerations are perfect for determining which member of a union was the last to be assigned a value
- In the Number structure, we can make the kind member an enumeration instead of an int

```
typedef struct
{ enum {INT_KIND, DOUBLE_KIND} kind;
  union
  { int i;
    double d;
  } u;
} Number;
```

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Using Enumerations to Declare "Tag Fields"

- The new structure is used in exactly the same way as the old one
- The new structure makes it obvious that kind has only two possible values:

```
INT_KIND andDOUBLE_KIND
```

