

C structures

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Announcements

- Quiz next week: Strings, string functions

```
struct Employee {  
    int empnum;  
    char name[MAXLEN];  
    double salary;  
};
```

Records (structures)

- need to deal with related data
- structure tells compiler how it is laid out in memory and details the attribute names
- memory is allocated when structure var is declared

```
struct Employee boss1;
```

Initialisation and access

- Constant values can be assigned to members of a structure when structure var is declared
Employee sessional_a = {4314324, "Geoff", 23232.27}

Arrays of structures

- syntax for declaring and accessing is the same as arrays for any other type
- can be declared into dynamic memory
Employee vice_president;
vice_president = (Employee*) malloc(sizeof(Employee));*
- To access members in dynamic memory, dereference the pointer to get the structure
*(*vice_president).salary += 10000.00;
OR vice_president->salary = 150000.00;*

- Dynamic Arrays of structures

```
Employee* staff_senior;  
staff_senior = (Employee*) malloc(num_staff_senior *  
                                sizeof(Employee));  
  
// accessing using array syntax  
staff_senior[i].empnum = 100 + i;  
  
// accessing using pointer arithmetic  
(staff_senior + i)->salary = 80000;  
(*(staff_senior + i)).salary *= 1.05;
```

Nested structures

```
typedef struct{  
    int empnum;  
    char name[MAXLEN];  
    double salary;  
    Date dob;  
} Employee;
```

- Passing structs by parameters

Structure variables

- size of the employee structure given that int= 4, char*=4 and double = 8
- = 16 bytes for a struct using each type once