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# EEC-101 Programming with C++

Module-3:  
Structures





# About Subject

- Aggregate Data-types:
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# Declaration of Structure

- In C++, collection of heterogeneous data types can be grouped to form a **structure**.
- When this is done, the entire collection can be referred to by a **structure name**.
- Structures (also called structs) are a way to group several related variables into one place. Each variable in the structure is known as a **member** of the structure.



- The individual components, which are called fields or members, can be accessed and processed separately. (syntax: struct\_name.member)
- Distinctions between arrays and structures:
  1. All the elements of the array have the same data type, whereas in structure the components or fields can have different data types.
  2. Another distinction is that a component of an array is referred to by its position whereas in structure each component has a unique name
- Both have the similarity that they are defined with a finite number of components.



# Structures

- The ‘struct’ keyword is used to create a structure. The general syntax to create a structure is as shown below:

```
struct <type name>
{
    Member 1;
    Member 2; ....
} <variable list>;
```

- The variables declared in the variable list are of type <type name>
- Members of a struct can be struct themselves leading to hierarchical structures.



# Example

The user\_defined\_name is usually used.

Ent n;

Example:

```
struct date {  
    int day;  
    int month;  
    int year;  
};  
date join;
```

```
struct date {  
    int day;  
    string month;  
    int year;
```

};  
date join; // Ent n;



# Structure Variables

- A structure variable can either be declared with structure declaration or as a separate declaration like basic types.
- In these declarations, s1 is a variable of type student.

```
struct student {  
    int rollno;  
    string name;  
    int age;  
    char gender;  
    int height;  
    int weight;  
} s1;
```

```
struct student {  
    int rollno;  
    string name;  
    int age;  
    char gender;  
    int height;  
    int weight;  
}  
struct student s1;  
student s2; // int n;
```

In C++, the struct keyword is optional before variable declaration of. In C, it is mandatory.



## Example: Members

- Each member of structure is specified by a variable name followed by a period(.) and the member name.
- The . (dot) is a structure member operator which can be referred simply as **the dot operator**.

Structurename . membername



# Example: Members

```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
struct date{
    int day ✓;
    string month ✓;
    int year ✓;
} ;
int main ( )
{
    date join {1, "Jan", 2024};
    cout<<join. day ;
    cout<<join .month ;
    cout<<join .year ;
    cout<<endl;
    join. year=2020;
    cout<<join. day ;
    cout<<join .month ;
    cout<<join .year ;
    cout<<endl;
} // end of main ( )
```

int n{5};

- date is a structure consisting of three members, which can be referred to in the program as shown.

- The date of a day may be assigned as :
- join.day = 1;
- join.month = Jan;
- join.year = 2024;

1 Jan 2024  
1 Jan 2020



```
#include<iostream>
using namespace std;
struct date {
    int day ;
    string month ;
    int year ;
} ;
int main ( )
{
date join {1,"Jan", 2024};
cout<<join. day ;
cout<<join .month ;
cout<<join .year ;
cout<<endl;
join. year=2020;
cout<<join. day ;
cout<<join .month ;
cout<<join .year ;
cout<<endl;
} // end of main ( )
```

- The C++ compiler will not read or write an entire structure as a single command like this :

```
cin >> join ; // error
cout << join ; // error
```

- It will read or write the members of a structure separately as :

```
// read a structure
cin >> join.day;
cin >> join.month;
cin >> join.year;
// writing a structure on the screen
cout << join.day;
cout << join.month ;
cout << join.year ;
```



# Example

WAP to define a structure named DATE which includes d, m, y. Declare a called DOB variable of type DATE. Initialize and display

```
using namespace std;
int main ()
{
}struct sample {
int x;
float y; } a ;
a.x = 10;
a.y=20.20;

cout<<" content of x="<< a.x << endl;
cout << "content of y="<< a.y << endl;
}

struct date{
int d;
string m;
int y; } ;
date DOB;
DOB.d = 1;
DOB.m="JAN";
DOB.y=2020;

cout<<" DOB of xxx is on"<< DOB.d<<"st ";
cout<<DOB.m<<" "<<DOB.y;
return 0;
```

```
content of x=10
content of y=20.2
DOB of xxx is on1st JAN 2020
Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 0.053 s
Press any key to continue.
|
```



# Example

```
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
struct sample
{
    int x ;
    float y ;
};
sample a,b ;
int main ()
{
    a.x = 10 ;
    a.y = 20.20 ;
    a.x = 10 ;
    a.y = 20.20 ;
    cout << " content of a.x=" << a.x << endl ;
    cout << " content of a.y=" << a.y << endl ;

    b.x = 14 ;
    b.y = 44.20 ;
    cout << " content of b.x=" << b.x << endl ;
    cout << " content of b.y=" << b.y << endl ;

    a=b;

    cout << " content of a.x=" << a.x << endl ;
    cout << " content of b.y=" << a.y << endl ;
    system("pause");
    return 0;
}
```

content of a.y=20.2  
content of b.x=14  
content of b.y=44.2  
content of a.x=14  
content of b.y=44.2  
Press any key to continue . . .

int A [5] ;  
int B [5] ;

A=B; // Not allowed  
for Array



# Initialization of Structure

A structure can be initialized in the same way as any other data type using an initializer list.

Similar to `int x[5]={1,2,3,4,5}`

```
struct student {  
    long int rollno;  
    int age;  
    char gender;  
    float height;  
    float weight;  
};  
student s1 = {24115000, 18, 'M', 167.9, 75.6};
```



# Arrays of Structure

- An array is a group of identical elements which are stored in consecutive memory locations in a common heading or a variable.
- A similar type of structure with a common heading or a common variable name is called arrays of structures.

```
//Example
struct student {
    int rollno;
    int age;
    char gender;
    float height;
    float weight;
};

student s1; // one variable of type student
student s[300]; // array of variables of type student
```



- student [300] is a structure variable.
- It may accommodate 300 structures of type student
- Each record may be accessed and processed separately like individual element of an array.

```
//Example
struct student {
    int rollno;
    int age;
    char gender;
    float height;
    float weight;
};

student s1; // one variable of type student
student s[300]; // array of variables of type student
```



# Array within a Structure

- A member of a structure can also be an array data type

//Example

```
struct student {  
    char name [20];  
    int roll;  
    int subj [7];  
};  
student s1;
```



```
//Array within a structure and array of structure
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
const int MAX = 40;
struct school {
    char name [25];
    long int rollno;
    int age;
    char gender;
    float height;
    float weight;
};
school student [MAX]={ { "Raj", 2451000, 18, 'M', 167.9, 60},
                      {"Simran", 2451300, 18, 'F', 156.7, 45.5}};

int main()
{
cout<<"Name\t" << "Roll No " << "age\t" << "gender " << endl;
for (int i=0;i<3;i++) {
    cout<<student [i].name<<"\t" << student [i] . rollno<<"\t";
    cout<<student [i] . age<<"\t" << student [i]. gender<< endl;
}
return 0;
}
```

student[0].age

Crash

Name	Roll No	age	gender
Raj	2451000	18	M
Simran	2451300	18	F
	0	0	

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 0.023 s  
Press any key to continue.

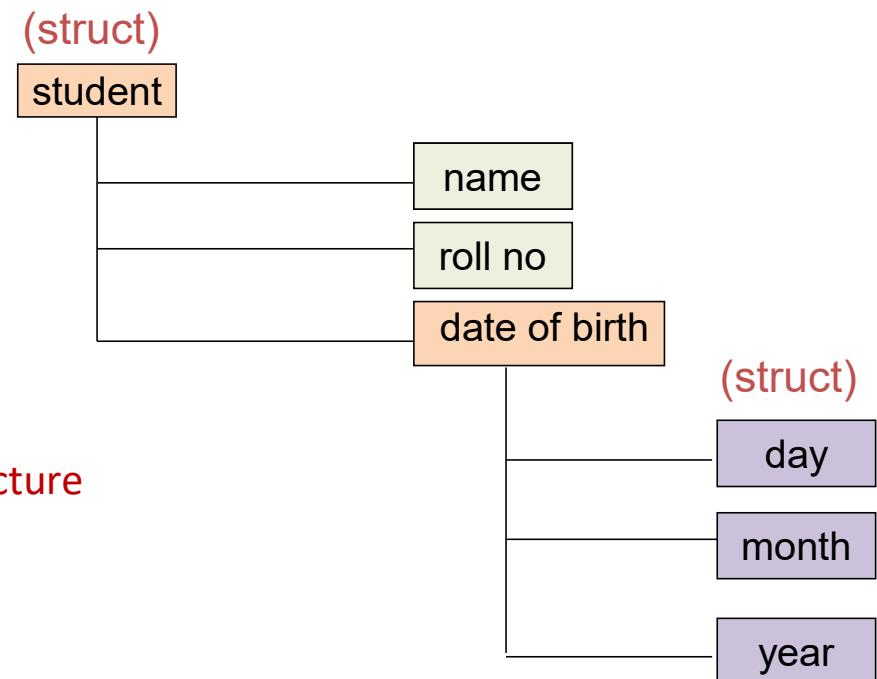


# Structure within a Structure (Nested Structure)

- It is permissible to use a structure as a member of another structure.
- When a structure is declared as the member of another structure, it is called as a nested structure or structure within a structure.



```
struct date {  
    int day;  
    int month;  
    int year;  
};  
  
struct student {  
    char name[20];  
    long int rollno;  
    date dob; //structure is member of another structure  
};  
  
student s1;
```





- To process the individual elements in a nested structure

- first represent the structure variable name and the first structure
- Then the field name of the first structure

e.g.

```
s1. rollno=200000;  
s1.dob.day = 3;  
s1.dob.month = 3;  
s1.dob.year = 2011;
```

```
struct date {  
    int day;  
    int month;  
    int year;  
};  
struct student {  
    char name[20];  
    long int rollno;  
    date dob;  
};  
student s1;
```

# Example

```
int main()
{
    student e;

    cout<<"Enter the roll: ";
    cin>>e.roll;
    cout<<"Enter the Name: ";
    cin>>e.name;

    cout<<"Enter the City: ";
    cin>>e.address.city;
    cout<<"Enter the State: ";
    cin>>e.address.state;

    cout<<"\n\nRoll no: "<<e.roll;
    cout<<"\nEmployee Name: "<<e.name;
    cout<<"\nAddress: ";
    cout<<e.address.city<<", "<<e.address.state;
    cout<<endl;
    return 0;
}
```

Struct ~~address~~  
String city  
Student stages

```
Enter the roll: 1
Enter the Name: JamesThomason
Enter the City: Roorkee
Enter the State: Uttarakhand

Roll no: 1
Employee Name: JamesThomason
Address: Roorkee, Uttarakhand

Process returned 0 (0x0) execution time : 71.090 s
Press any key to continue.
```

Struct Student {

int roll,  
String name;  
X address;



## Hierarchical structure

```
struct machineRec {  
    int idNumber;  
    string description;  
    int purchaseDay;  
    int purchaseMnth;  
    int purchaseYr;  
    int lastServicedDay;  
    int lastServicedMnth;  
    int lastServicedYr;  
    float failRate;  
    int downDays;  
    float cost; };
```

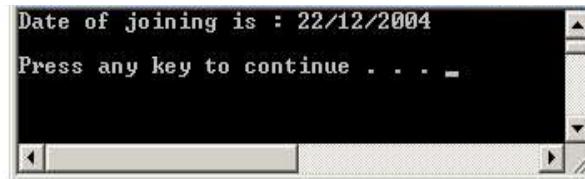
```
struct dateType  
{ int day, month, year; };  
struct statsType {  
    dateType lastServiced;  
    float failRate;  
    int downDays; };  
struct machineRec {  
    int idNumber;  
    string description;  
    statsType history;  
    dateType purchaseDate;  
    float cost; };
```



# Functions and Structures

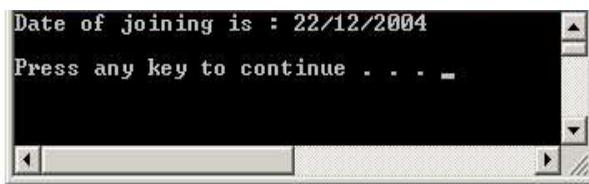
- Function is a very powerful technique to decompose a complex problem into separate manageable parts or modules.
- Each part is called a function and is very much used to convert a complicated program into simple ones.
- Functions can be compiled separately, they can be tested individually and then invoked in the main program.
- A structure can be passed to a function as a single variable.
- Functions can also be members of a structure.
  
- The field or data member should be same throughout the program either in the main or in a function.

```
//Function and structure
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
struct date {
    int day;
    int month;
    int year;
};
date join;
void dispdate(date ); //function prototype
int main()
{
join.day    = 22;
join.month = 12;
join.year  = 2004;
dispdate(join); //Function calling
system("pause");
return 0;
}
//Function declaration
void dispdate(date join)
{
cout<<"Date of joining is : "<<join.day<<"/"<< join.month<<"/"<<join.year;
cout<<endl<<endl;
}
```



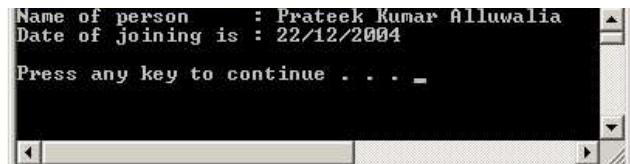
# Example

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    int day;
    int month;
    int year;
};
date join;
void dispdate(date );
int main()
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join.day    = 22;
join.month = 12;
join.year  = 2004;
dispdate(join); //Function calling
system("pause");
return 0;
}
//Function declaration
void dispdate(date join)
{
cout<<"Date of joining is : "<<join.day<<"/"<< join.month<<"/"<<join.year;
cout<<endl<<endl;
}
```





```
1 //Function and structure, FUNCTION WITHIN STRUCTURE with nested structure
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4
5 struct date {
6     int day;
7     int month;
8     int year;
9 };
10 struct employee {
11     char* name; // if taken char name[30] then line 21 gives error
12     date doj; // nested structure
13     //Function declaration within structure
14     void dispdate()
15     {    cout<<"Name of person      : "<<name<<endl;
16         cout<<"Date of joining is : "<<doj.day<<"/"<< doj.month<<"/"<<doj.year;
17         cout<<endl<<endl;}
18 };
19 int main() {
20     employee join; // declare a varibale of type employee
21     join.name = "Prateek Kumar Alluwalia"; //works with char* name
22     //cin>>join.name; // will give error with char* name, works with char name[30]
23     join.doj.day    = 22;
24     join.doj.month  = 12;
25     join.doj.year   = 2004;
26     join.dispname(); //Function calling
27     system("pause"); return 0;
28 }
```



A terminal window displaying the output of the C++ program. The output shows the name and joining date of the employee. The window has scroll bars on the right and bottom.

```
Name of person      : Prateek Kumar Alluwalia
Date of joining is : 22/12/2004
Press any key to continue . . .
```



# Pointers and Structures

- Member of a structure could be an ordinary data type such as int , float, char or even structure also.
- Pointer variables can be declared as members of a structure.
- A pointer is a variable which holds the memory address of a variable of basic data types such as int, float or sometimes an array.
- A pointer can be used to hold the address of a structure variable also.
- This pointer variable is used to construct complex databases using data structures such as linked lists, double-linked lists, and binary trees.



The following declaration is valid

```
struct sample {  
    int x ;  
    float y ;  
    char s ;  
};  
sample one;  
sample *ptr ;  
ptr= &one;
```

where ptr is a pointer variable holding the address of the structure sample which is having three members such as int x, float y and char s.



```
struct sample {  
    int x ;  
    float y ;  
    char s ;  
};  
struct sample one;  
struct sample *ptr ;  
ptr= &one;
```

One. x = 50

- The pointer structure variable can be accessed by two ways as follows.  
 $(*pointer\_structure\_name).field\_name = variable;$   
 $(*ptr).x = variable;$
- The parentheses are essential because the structure member period (.) has higher precedence over indirection operator(\*).
- The pointer structure to structure can also be expressed as  
 $pointer\_structure\_name ->field\_name = variable;$   
 $*ptr->.x = variable;$



# Pointers and Structures

```
//A program to assign some values to the member of a structure
//using an indirection operator
//pointers and structures
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main ()
{
    struct example {
        int x;
        int y ;
    };
    example one ;
    example *ptr;
    ptr = &one ;
    (*ptr).x = 10;
    (*ptr).y = 20 ;
    cout << "contents of x = "<< (*ptr ).x << endl;
    cout << "contents of y = "<< (*ptr ).y << endl;
    system("pause");
    return 0;
}
```

```
contents of x = 10
contents of y = 20
Press any key to continue . . .
```



# Pointers and Structures

```
//A program to assign some values to the member of a structure
//using an indirection operator
//pointers and structures
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main ()
{
struct example {
int x;
int y ;
};

example one ;
example *ptr;
ptr = &one ;
// (*ptr).x = 10;
// (*ptr).y = 20 ;// can also be done as follows
ptr->x=100;
ptr->y=200;
cout << "contents of x = "<< (*ptr ).x << endl;
cout << "contents of y = "<< (*ptr ).y << endl;
system("pause");
return 0;
```

```
contents of x = 100
contents of y = 200
Press any key to continue . . .
```



```
//pointers and structures
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int main ()
{
struct example {
int x;
int y ;
};
example one ;
example *ptr;
ptr = &one ;
//(*ptr).x = 10;
//(*ptr).y = 20 ;// can also be done as follows
cout<<"enter x and y";
cin>>ptr->x;
cin>>ptr->y;
cout << "contents of x = "<< (*ptr ).x << endl;
cout << "contents of y = "<< (*ptr ).y << endl;
system("pause");
return 0;
}
```

```
enter x and y450
-32978
contents of x = 450
contents of y = -32978
Press any key to continue . . .
```



```
/*A program to declare a pointer variable as a member  
of a structure and to display the contents of the  
structure on screen and the address of the contents */  
#include <iostream>  
using namespace std;  
int main()  
{  
struct sample {  
    int* ptr1;  
    float* ptr2;  
}  
sample one;  
sample *strPtr = &one;  
int value1 = 900;  
float value2=111.6;  
  
strPtr->ptr1= &value1;  
strPtr->ptr2 = &value2;  
cout<<"contents of the strPtr member ="<<endl;  
cout <<*(strPtr->ptr1)<<endl;  
cout << *(strPtr->ptr2) <<endl;  
// following is equivalent  
//cout <<*strPtr->ptr1<<endl;  
//cout << *strPtr->ptr2 <<endl;  
cout<<"Address of the strPtr member ="<<endl;  
cout <<(strPtr->ptr1)<<endl;  
cout << (strPtr->ptr2) <<endl;  
  
system("pause");  
return 0;  
}
```

```
contents of the strPtr member =  
900  
111.6  
Address of the strPtr member =  
0x61fdfc  
0x61fdf8  
Press any key to continue . . .
```

**Thanks**

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