

# Names

## 1. Static Scope – Which Value Is Printed?

Consider the fragment:

```
int X = 0;
int Y;

void fie() {
    X++;
}

void foo() {
    X++;
    fie();
}

read(Y);
if (Y > 0) {
    int X = 5;
    foo();
} else {
    foo();
}

write(X);
```

**Analysis:** Under static (lexical) scope, the free occurrences of *X* in the definitions of `foo` and `fie` refer to the global *X* (declared outside all blocks), regardless of any local declarations. Thus, whether or not the `if` branch creates a local *X* (with value 5), the call to `foo()` will update the global *X*.

Initially, global  $X = 0$ . When `foo` is called, it performs:

- $X++$  (global  $X$  becomes 1),
- Then calls `fie()`, which does  $X++$  (global  $X$  becomes 2).

Finally, `write(X)` prints the global  $X$ , which is 2.

**Answer:** The printed value is 2.

## 2. Dynamic Scope – Which Value(s) Are Printed?

Now consider:

```
int X;
X = 1;
int Y;

void fie() {
    foo();
    X = 0;
}

void foo() {
    int X;
    X = 5;
}

read(Y);
if (Y > 0) {
    int X;
    X = 4;
    fie();
} else {
    fie();
}

write(X);
```

**Analysis (dynamic scope):** Under dynamic scoping, the binding of a free variable is determined by the call chain at runtime.

**Case A:**  $Y > 0$

- In the `if` branch, a local  $X$  is declared and set to 4.
- Then `fie()` is called. In `fie`, the call to `foo()` does not affect any caller's  $X$  because the local  $X$  is specific to `foo`.
- Returning to `fie`, the assignment  $X = 0$  updates the  $X$  from the `if` branch (set to 4) to 0.
- After the `if` block, the only  $X$  visible is the global  $X$ , which remains unchanged (initially 1).
- Finally, `write(X)` prints the global  $X$ , which is 1.

**Case B:**  $Y \leq 0$

- No new local  $X$  is declared. The call to `fie()` happens in an environment where the only binding is the global  $X = 1$ .
- Inside `fie`, after calling `foo()`, the assignment  $X = 0$  updates the global  $X$ .
- Thus, `write(X)` prints 0.

**Answer:**

- If  $Y > 0$ , the program prints 1.
- If  $Y \leq 0$ , the program prints 0.

### 3. Code Insertion for Static vs. Dynamic Scope Differences

We wish to fill the gaps in the fragment below:

```

{
  int i;
  (*)          // [Gap 1]
  for (i = 0; i <= 1; i++) {
    int x;
    (**)       // [Gap 2]
    x = foo();
  }
}

```

**Objective:**

- (a) Under static scope: the two calls to `foo` assign the same value to `x`.
- (b) Under dynamic scope: the two calls assign different values to `x`.

**Solution:** Declare an outer variable and define `foo` in the outer scope so that its free reference to `x` is resolved lexically (to the outer variable) under static scope. Meanwhile, when an inner block declares its own `x`, under dynamic scope, that inner `x` will be the “most recent” binding.

An acceptable solution:

Gap 1: Before the loop, insert an outer declaration and definition of `foo`:

```

int x;
int foo() { x = 10; return x; }

```

Gap 2: No additional code is needed (or simply a comment); the inner declaration `int x;` remains.

**Explanation:**

- Under static scope, the body of `foo` (written in the outer block) refers to the outer `x`. Even though a new `x` is declared in the for-loop block, it does not affect the already resolved free variable in `foo`.
- Under dynamic scope, the call to `foo` will use the most recent binding for `x` in the dynamic chain (which is the `x` declared inside the loop).

**Answer:**

- Under static scope, both calls to `foo` will update the same outer `x`.
- Under dynamic scope, the two calls will update different `x`’s.

## 4. Denotable Object Outlasting Its References

**Example:** A dynamically allocated object (e.g., an instance of a class allocated on the heap) whose pointer (or name) is stored in a local variable may persist even after that variable goes out of scope if the object is linked into a global data structure. For instance, a node allocated via `new` in C++ may remain alive (until explicitly deleted) even though all local pointers to it have been lost.

## 5. A Name Outlasting Its Denotable Object

**Example:** A pointer variable that remains in a data structure (say, in a global table) even after the object it pointed to has been deallocated (or has gone out of scope) is an example of a name (the pointer) whose lifetime exceeds that of the object (leading to a dangling pointer).

## 6. Static Scope, Call by Value

Consider:

```
{
  int x = 2;
  int fie(int y) {
    x = x + y;
  }
  {
    int x = 5;
    fie(x);
    write(x);
  }
  write(x);
}
```

**Analysis:** Under static scope, the free occurrence of  $x$  in `fie` is bound to the  $x$  in its defining environment (the outer  $x$ , initially 2). In the inner block, a local  $x$  is declared (value 5), but it is not used in `fie`.

When calling `fie(x)`, the value 5 (from the inner  $x$ ) is passed by value to  $y$ . Then `fie` does:

- $x = 2 + 5 = 7$ .

Inside the inner block, `write(x)` prints the local  $x$  (value 5). After the block, `write(x)` prints the outer  $x$  (now 7).

**Answer:** The output is 5 followed by 7.

## 7. Dynamic Scope, Call by Reference

Now consider dynamic scope with call by reference:

```
{
  int x = 2;
  int fie(int y) {
    x = x + y;
  }
  {
    int x = 5;
    fie(x);
    write(x);
  }
  write(x);
}
```

**Analysis:** Under dynamic scope, the free  $x$  in `fie` is resolved in the calling environment. The call to `fie(x)` with call by reference makes  $y$  an alias for the inner  $x$  (initially 5). Then in `fie`,  $x = x + y$  refers to the inner  $x$ , and it becomes 10.

Inside the inner block, `write(x)` prints 10. The outer  $x$  remains unchanged, so after the block, `write(x)` prints 2.

**Answer:** The printed values are 10 and then 2.