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Arrays - Initialization and Traversal Pointers

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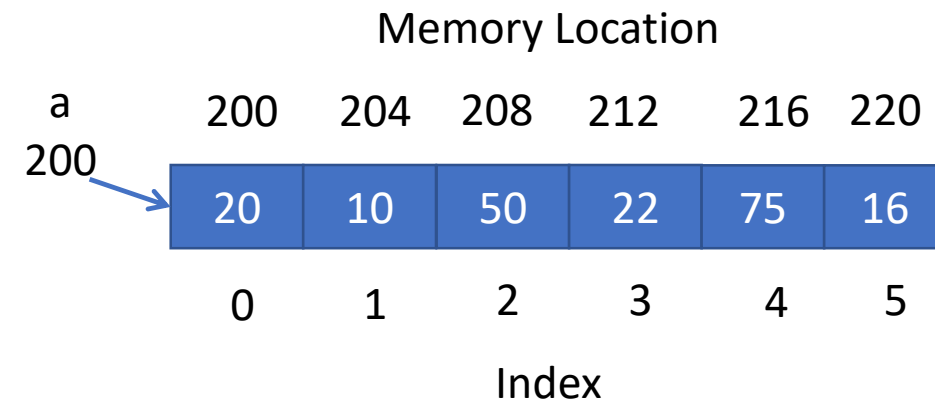
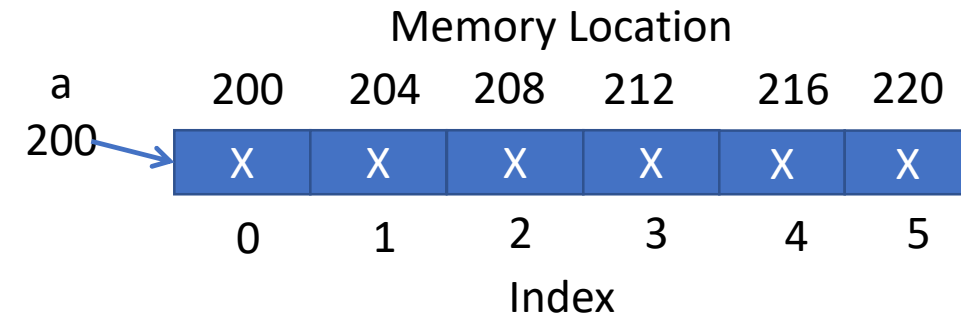
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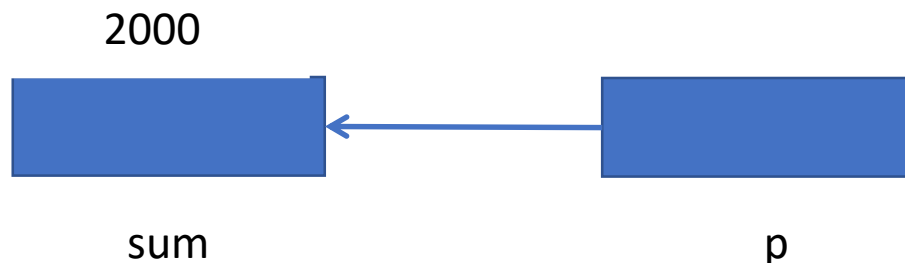
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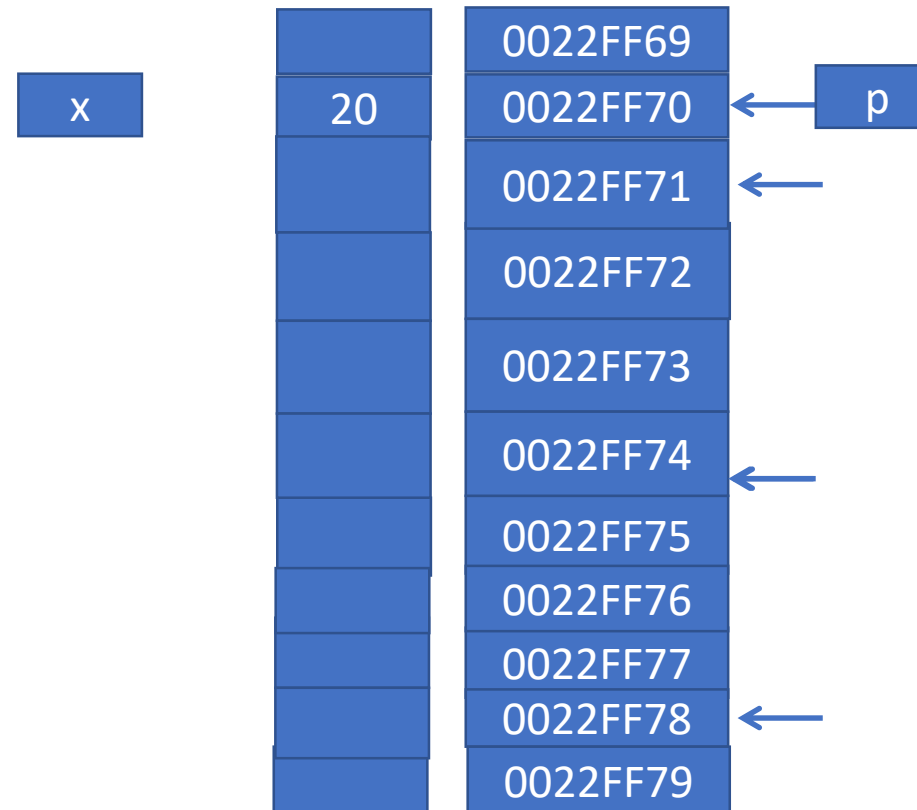
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Array Traversal using Pointers

Consider `int arr[] = {12,44,22,33,55};` `int *p = arr;` `int i;`

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Multi-Dimensional Arrays



Introduction

- An array with more than one level or dimension.
- 2-Dimensional and 3-Dimensional and so on.

General form of declaring N-dimensional arrays:

Data_type Array_name[size1][size2][size3]..[sizeN];

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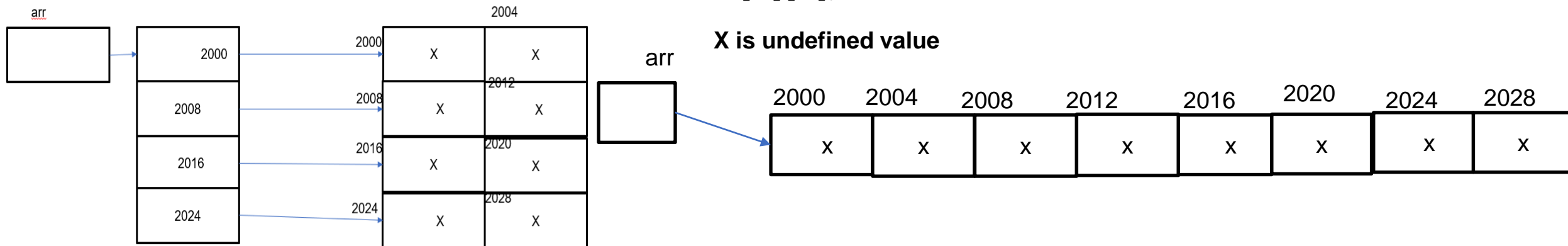
Two – Dimensional Array

- Treated as an array of arrays.
- Every element of the array must be of same type as arrays are homogeneous

Declaration

Syntax: `data_type array_name[size_1][size_2];` // size_1 and size_2 compulsory

```
int arr[4][2];
```



Two – Dimensional Array

Initialization

- **data_type array_name[size_1][size_2] = {elements separated by comma};**
- `int arr[][] = {11,22,33,44,55,66}; // Error. Column size is compulsory`
- `int abc[3][2] = {{11,22},{33,44},{55,66}}; // valid`
- `int arr[][2] = {11, 22, 33 ,44,55,66 } ; // valid. Allocates 6 contiguous memory locations and assign the values`
- `int arr[][3] = {{11,22,33},{44,55},{66,77}}; // partial initialization`

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Internal Representation of a 2D Array

- 2D Array itself is an array, **elements are stored in contiguous memory locations.**

Consider, `int arr[3][4] = {{11, 22, 33, 44}, {55, 66, 77, 88}, {99, 100, 111, 121}};`

- Row major Ordering:** All elements of one row are followed by all elements of the next row and so on.



- Column Major Ordering:** All elements of one column are followed by all elements of the next column and so on.



- Generally, systems support Row Major Ordering.**

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Address of an Element in a 2D Array

- **Address of $A[i][j]$ = Base_Address + (i * No. of columns in every row) + j) * size of every element;**
- Consider, `int matrix[2][3]={1,2,3,4,5,6};` // base address is 100 and size of integer is 4 bytes

matrix[0][0] 100	1	Row	Column		
matrix[0][1] 104	2		0	1	2
matrix[0][2] 108	3	0	1	2	3
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- Address of `matrix[1][0]` = $100 + ((1 * 3) + 0) * 4 = 100 + 3 * 4 = 112$

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Demo of C Code

- To read and display a 2D Array

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Pointer and 2D Array

- **Pointer expression for $a[i][j]$ is $*(*(a + i) + j)$**
- Array name is a pointer to a row.
- $(a + i)$ points to i th 1-D array.
- $*(a + i)$ points to the first element of i th 1D array
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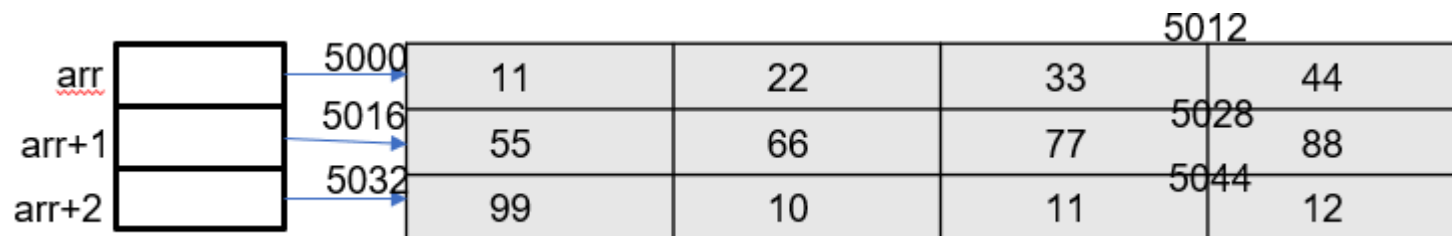
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`arr` – points to 0th elements of arr- Points to 0th 1-D array-5000

`arr+1`-Points to 1st element of arr-Points to 1st 1-D array-5016

`arr+2`-Points to 2nd element of arr-Points to 2nd 1-D array

`arr+ i` Points to ith element of arr ->Points to ith 1-D array



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Pointer and 2D Array continued..

- `int *p = arr;` // assigning the 2D array to a pointer results in warning
- Using `p[5]` results in 66. But `p[1][1]` results in error. `p` doesn't know the size of the column.
- Solution is to create a **pointer to an array of integers**.

`int (*p)[4] = arr;` //subscript([]) have higher precedence than indirection(*)

- Think about the **size of p** and **size of *p!!**

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Three Dimensional (3D) Array

- Accessing each element by using three subscripts
- First dimension represents table ,2nd dimension represents number of rows and 3rd dimension represents the number of columns
- `int arr[2][3][2] = { {{5, 10}, {6, 11}, {7, 12}}, {{20, 30}, {21, 31}, {22, 32}} }; //2 table 3 rows 2 columns.`

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Practice Programs for Students

1. Given two matrices, write a function to find whether these two are identical.
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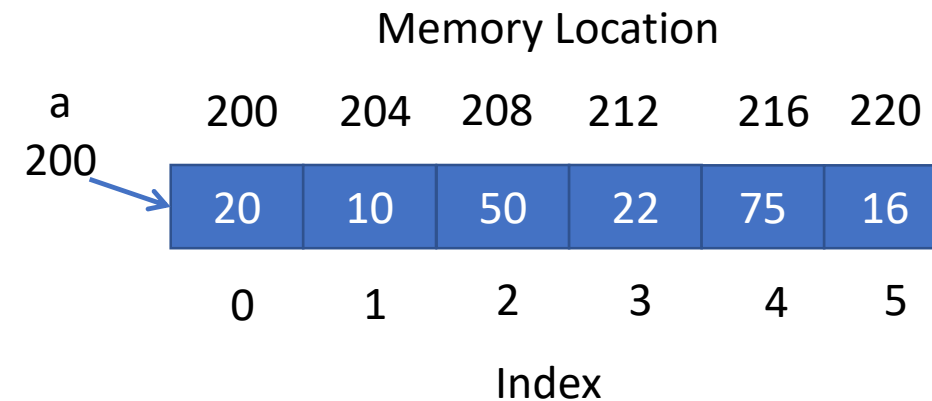
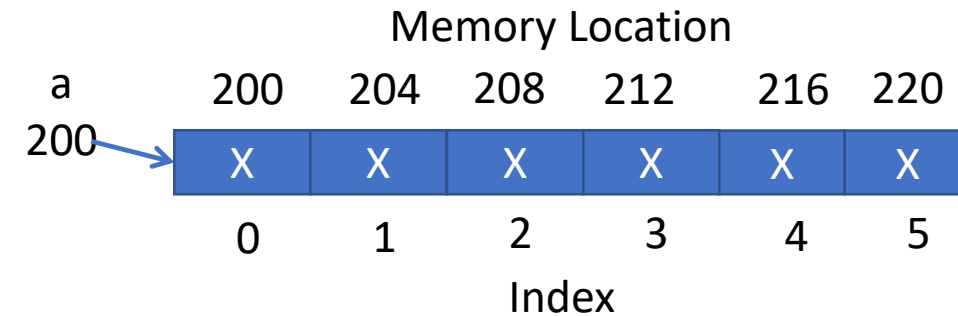
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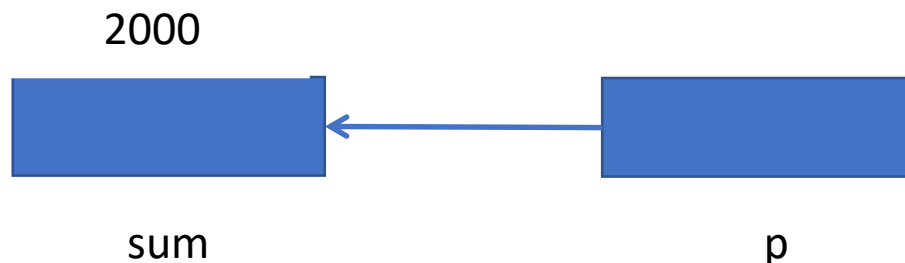
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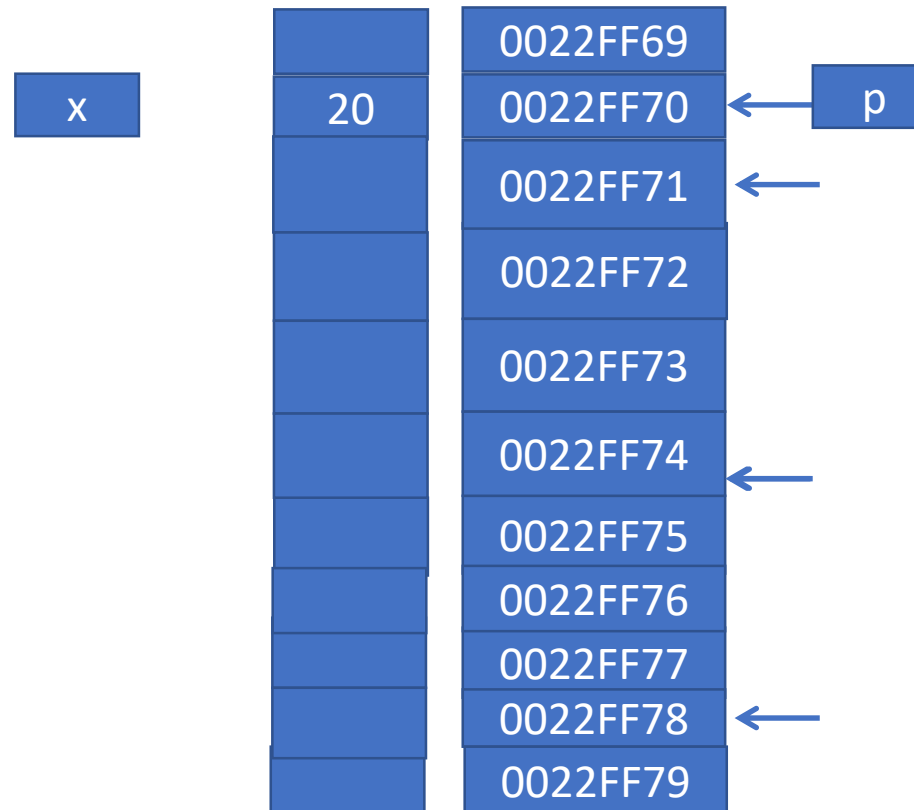
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Passing an Array to a function

- When array is passed as an argument to a function, arguments are copied to parameters of the function and parameters are always pointers.
- Array degenerates to a pointer at runtime.
- All the operations that are valid for pointer will be applicable for array too in the body of the function.
- Function call happens always at run time.

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Passing individual Array elements to a function

- Indexed variables can be arguments to functions
- Program contains these declarations: `int a[10]; int i; void myfunc(int n);`
- Variables `a[0]` through `a[9]` are of type `int`, making below calls is legal
`myfunc(a[0]);`
`myfunc(a[3]);`
`myfunc(a[i]);` `// i is between 0 and 9`



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Functions in C

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Functions



1. Introduction to functions
2. Types of Functions
3. Function Definition, Call and Declaration

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Functions



Introduction

- A sub-program to carry out a specific task
- Functions break large computing tasks into smaller ones.
- Enable people to build on what others have done instead of starting from scratch
- **Benefits:**
 - Reduced Coding Time – Code Reusability
 - Divide and Conquer - Manageable Program development
 - Reduced Debugging time
 - Treated as a black box - The inner details of operation are invisible to rest of the program

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Types of Functions

- **Standard Library Functions**

Must Include appropriate header files to use these functions.
Already declared and defined in C libraries
printf, scanf, etc..

- **User Defined functions**

Defined by the developer at the time of writing program
Developer can make changes in the implementation

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Function Definition, Call and Declaration

Function Definition

- Provides actual body of the function
- Function definition format

```
return-type function-name( parameter-list )
{
    declarations and statements
}
```
- Variables can be declared inside blocks
- Coding examples

Function Definition, Call and Declaration

Function Call

- Function can be called by using function name followed by list of arguments (if any) enclosed in parentheses
- Function call format
function-name(list of arguments);
- The arguments must match the parameters in the function definition in its type, order and number.
- Multiple arguments must be separated by comma. Arguments can be any expression in C
- Coding examples

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Function Definition, Call and Declaration

Function Declaration/ Prototype

- All functions must be declared before they are invoked or called.
- Function can be declared by using function name followed by list of parameters (if any) enclosed in parentheses
- Function declaration format
return_type function_name (parameters list);
- Use of identifiers in the declaration is optional.
- The parameter names do not need to be the same in declaration and the function definition.
- The types must match the type of parameters in the function definition in number and order.
- Coding examples



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Recursion

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Recursion



1. Introduction
2. Why Recursion?
3. Implementing Recursion – The Stack
4. Arguments and Return Values
5. Practice Programs

Introduction

Recursive Function

- A function that calls itself Directly or indirectly
- Each recursive call is made with a new, independent set of arguments
 - Previous calls are suspended
- Allows building simple solutions for complex problems

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Why Recursion?

- Used to solve various problems by dividing it into smaller problems
- Some problems are *too hard* to solve without recursion
 - Most notably, the compiler!
 - Most problems involving linked lists and trees

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Recursion



Points to note while using Recursion

- The problem is broken down into smaller tasks
- Programmers need to be careful to define an exit condition from the function, otherwise results in an infinite recursion
- The exit condition is defined by the **base case** and the solution to the base case is provided
- The solution of the bigger problem is expressed in terms of smaller problems called as **recursive relationship**

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Recursion



How is a particular problem solved using recursion?

- **Problem to be solved: To compute factorial of n .**
 - knowledge of factorial of $(n-1)$ is required, which would form the recursive relationship
 - The base case for factorial would be $n = 0$
 - `return 1 when $n == 0$ or $n == 1$ // base case`
 - `return $n*(n-1)!$ when $n != 0$ // recursive relationship`
 - Demo of C code

Implementing Recursion - The Stack

- **Definition – *The Stack***
 - A **last-in, first-out** data structure provided by the operating system for running each program
 - For temporary storage of automatic variables, arguments, function results, and other information
 - The storage for each function call.
 - Every single time a function is called, an area of the stack is reserved for that particular call.
- Known as ***activation record***, similar to that in python

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Implementing Recursion - The Stack continued..

- Parameters, results, and automatic variables allocated on the stack.
- Allocated when function or compound statement is entered
- Released when function or compound statement is exited
- Values are not retained from one call to next (or among recursions)

Arguments and Return values

1. Space for storing result is allocated by caller
 - On The Stack
 - Assigned by **return** statement of function
 - For use by caller
2. Arguments are values calculated by caller of function
 - Placed on The Stack by caller in locations set aside for the corresponding parameters
 - Function may assign new value to parameter
 - caller never looks at parameter/argument values again!
3. Arguments are removed when callee returns
 - Leaving only the result value for the caller

Practice Programs based on Recursion

1. Separate Recursive functions to reverse a given number and reverse a given string
2. Recursive function to print from 1 to n in reverse order
3. Find the addition, subtraction and multiplication of two numbers using recursion. Write separate recursive functions to perform these.
4. Find all combinations of words formed from Mobile Keypad.
5. Find the given string is palindrome or not using Recursion.
6. Find all permutations of a given string using Recursion



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Storage Classes in C

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Storage classes in C

- Introduction
- Automatic Variables
- External Variables
- Static Variables
- Register Variables
- Global Variables



Introduction

- To describe the features of a variable/function . Features include **scope(visibility)** and **life-time** to trace the existence of a particular variable/function during the runtime
- **List of storage classes**
 - **Automatic variables (auto)**
 - **External variables (extern)**
 - **Static variables(static)**
 - **Register variables (register)**
 - **Global Variables**

Automatic Variables

- A variable declared inside a function without any storage class specification is by default an automatic variable
- Created when a function is called and are destroyed automatically when the function execution is completed
- Also called as called local variables because they are local to a function. By default, assigned to undefined values
- Can be accessed outside their scope. But how ?
 - **By using Pointers**
- Coding Examples

External Variables

- To inform the compiler that the variable is declared somewhere else and make it available during linking
- Does not allocate storage for variables
- The default initial value of external integral type is 0 otherwise null.
- All functions are of type extern
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Static Variables

- Tells the compiler to persist the variable until the end of program.
- Initialized only once and remains into existence till the end of program
- Can either be **local or global depending upon the place of declaration**
 - Scope of local static variable remains inside the function in which it is defined but the life time of is throughout that program file
 - Global static variables remain restricted to scope of file in each they are declared and life time is also restricted to that file only
- All static variables are assigned 0 (zero) as default value
- Coding Examples

Register Variables

- Registers are faster than memory to access. So, the variables which are most frequently used in a program can be put in registers using **register** keyword
- The keyword register hints to compiler that a given variable can be put in a register. It's compiler's choice to put it in a register or not.
- Compilers themselves do optimizations and put the variables in register. If a free register is not available, these are then stored in the memory only
- If & operator is used with a register variable, then compiler may give an error or warning
- Coding Examples

Global variables- Additional Storage class

- The variables declared outside all function are called global variables. They are not limited to any function.
- Any function can access and modify global variables
- Automatically initialized to 0 at the time of declaration
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Enums(Enumerations) in C

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Enumerations



- Introduction
- Enum creation
- Points wrt Enums
- Demo of Enums in C

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Enumerations



Introduction

- A way of creating user defined data type to assign names to integral constants. Easy to remember names rather than numbers
- Provides a symbolic name to represent one state out of a list of states
- The names are symbols for integer constants, which won't be stored anywhere in program's memory
- Used to **replace #define chains**

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Enumerations



Enum creation

- **Syntax:**

```
enum identifier { enumerator-list };    // semicolon compulsory
                                         // identifier optional
```

- Example:

```
enum Error_list { SUCCESS, ERROR, RUN_TIME_ERROR, BIG_ERROR };
```

- Coding Examples

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Enumerations



Points wrt Enums

- Enum names are automatically assigned values if no value specified
- We can assign values to some of the symbol names in any order. All unassigned names get value as value of previous name plus one.
- Only integer constants are allowed. Arithmetic operations allowed-> + , - , * , / and %
- Enumerated Types are Not Strings. Two enum symbols/names can have same value
- All enum constants must be unique in their scope. It is not possible to change the constants
- Storing the symbol of one enum type in another enum variable is allowed
- One of the short comings of Enumerated Types is that they don't print nicely

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- Demo of Enum points discussed in the previous slide



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3. Source file creation
4. Demo of C Code
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7. Creation of make file
8. Usage of make command

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Interface and Implementation



Introduction

- Interface is *declaration* and Implementation is *Definition*
- Good C code organizes
 - Interfaces in header file
 - Implementations in source files
- Benefits
 - Modularity
 - Recompile time is reduced
 - Readability
 - Debugging is easier

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Header file creation

- Use '.h' extension
- Typically contains
 - Function declaration (except statics)
 - Variable declaration (typically global)
 - User defined type declaration (read struct, union etc.)
 - Macro definition

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Source file creation

- Use '.c' extension
- Typically contains
 - Function/variable definition
 - Static function declaration and definition (you don't want to expose these to your clients)

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Demo of C Code

Problem to be solved: **Find whether the given number is a palindrome or not**

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Compilation steps

- Source file compilation: **gcc -c 1_palin.c**
- Client file compilation: **gcc -c 1_palin_main.c**
- Linking object files: **gcc 1_palin.o 1_palin_main.o**
- Execution:
 - **a.exe // windows**
 - **./a.out // ubuntu**

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Introduction to make utility

- What if you have many implementation files and modifications are done to few of these?
 - Developer must remember the files for which modifications done and recompile only them.
 - OR it is waste of time to recompile all the files and link objects of all again.
- Make is a Unix utility designed to start execution of a makefile.
- A makefile is a special file containing shell commands
- Use **‘.mk’** extension preferably.
- A makefile that works well in one shell may not execute properly in another shell.

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Creation of make file

- Contains a list of **rules to compile and link a series of files**. Rules are specified in two lines.
 - **Dependency line** – Made up of two parts. Target file(s) : source file(s)
 - **Action line** – Must be intended with a tab.
- Make command reads a make file and creates a **Dependency Tree**.
- **Target files are rebuilt using Action line if they are missing or older than the source files.**
- Create a sample make file to execute the palindrome problem.

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Usage of make command

- Command to execute on **Ubuntu**:
 - **make -f filename.mk** // -f to read file as a make file
- Command to execute on **Windows using mingw**
 - **mingw32-make -f filename.mk** // -f to read file as a make file

Note: In windows, utility must be downloaded. If installed gcc using mingw, go to mingw/bin in cmd prompt and type **mingw-get install mingw32-make** and press enter



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