# C Functions

# CS1010E Lecture 6

#### **Functions as Procedures**

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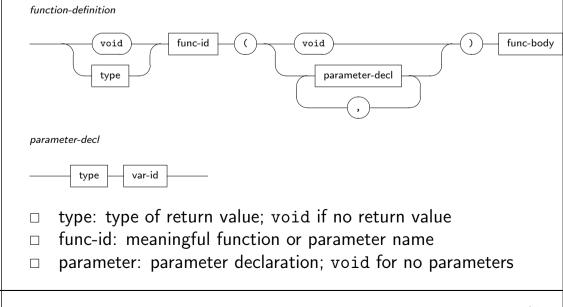
- C function is used to define
  - value-returning function
  - procedure
- In general, a C function allows
  - multiple arguments or no arguments
  - one return value or none at all

		# of arguments	
		0	multiple
# of return values	0	rarely used	procedures
	1	rarely used	value-returning functions

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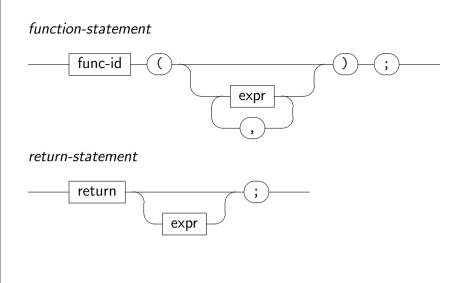
#### **Function Definition**

- Lecture Outline
  - □ Defining procedures
  - Function call statement / return statement
  - Procedures for
  - Program output
  - Multiple function output
  - Function output parameter
  - Example: finding mean and variance



#### **Function Call and Return Statements**





- A function can only return at most one value Example: Given a time duration (in seconds), compute the equivalent number of hours, minutes and seconds
- Solution #1: do-it-yourself!

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
   int t, h, m, s;
   printf("Enter duration (secs): ");
   scanf("%d", &t);
   h = t/3600;
   m = (t\%3600)/60;
   s = t\%60:
  printf("Duration: %d:%d:%d\n", h,m,s);
   return 0;
```

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#### **Procedure: Program Output**

### **Procedure: Multiple Function Output**

Useful for complex printing tasks

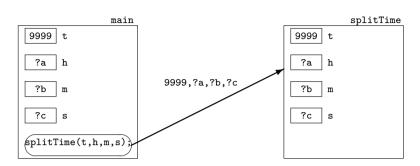
```
void printTriangle(int n) {
#include <stdio.h>
                                        int i, j;
void printTriangle(int n);
void printRowOfStars(int n);
                                        for (i = n; i > 0; i--) {
                                            printRowOfStars(i);
int main(void) {
   int n, i;
                                        return;
  printf("Enter n: ");
   scanf("%d", &n);
                                     void printRowOfStars(int n) {
                                        int i:
   for (i = n; i >= 1; i--) {
      printTriangle(i);
                                        for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) {</pre>
                                            printf("*");
   return 0:
                                        printf("\n");
                                        return;
```

Solution #2: Get a procedure to do it. Does this work? #include <stdio.h> void splitTime(int t, int h, int m, int s); int main(void) { int t, h, m, s; printf("Enter duration (secs): "); scanf("%d", &t); splitTime(t,h,m,s); printf("Duration: %d:%d:%d\n", h,m,s); return 0; void splitTime(int t, int h, int m, int s) { h = t/3600;m = (t%3600)/60;s = t%60;return;

# Pass-by-Value Revisited

# Variable Access Across Functions

□ Recall pass-by-value



To enable function output via the parameters, use the "into"
way of variable access (e.g. scanf)
int main(void) {
 int t, h, m, s;

```
int main(void) {
   int t, h, m, s;

   printf("Enter duration (secs): ");
   scanf("%d", &t);

   splitTime(t,&h,&m,&s);

   printf("Duration: %d:%d:%d\n", h,m,s);

   return 0;
}
```

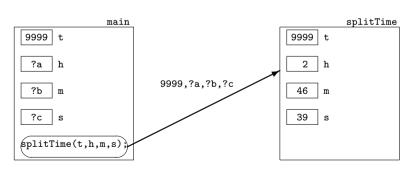
☐ How to define parameters of the splitTime function?

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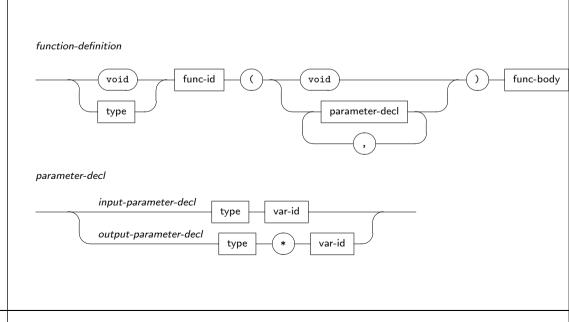
# Function Output Parameter

# Pass-by-Value Revisited

☐ Just before splitTime function returns



□ What happens to the variables in the main function?



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#### **Function Output Parameter**

Function Output Parameter

- Output parameter declared with \* in the function header
- Output parameter accessed using \* in the function body

```
/*
   Function splitTime takes t in seconds, splits and
   outputs the hours, minutes and seconds through the
   output parameters h, m and s.

Precondition: t >= 0
*/
void splitTime(int t, int *h, int *m, int *s) {
   *h = t/3600;
   *m = (t%3600)/60;
   *s = t%60;
   return;
}
```

Just before splitTime function returns

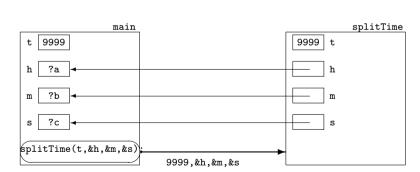
□ Values are "returned" through the function output parameters; does not violate lexical scoping

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# **Example: Swapping Variable Contents**

#### **Function Output Parameter**

□ Calling splitTime with function output parameters



□ Passing &h, &m and &s to splitTime gives it access to variables h. m and s in main

□ Using main function to swap the contents of two variables

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void) {
   int x, y, temp;

   printf("Enter x and y: ");
   scanf("%d%d", &x, &y);

   temp = x;
   x = y;
   y = temp;

   printf("x=%d; y=%d\n", x, y);

   return 0;
}
```

#### **Example: Swapping Variable Contents**

# Using only the main function

```
Using a swap function
#include <stdio.h>
                                   void swap(int *x, int *y) {
                                      int temp;
void swap(int *x, int *y);
                                      temp = *x;
int main(void) {
                                      *x = *y;
   int x, y;
                                      *y = temp;
   printf("Enter x and y: ");
                                      return;
   scanf("%d%d", &x, &y);
   swap(&x,&y);
   printf("x=\%d; y=\%d\n", x, y);
   return 0;
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
int main(void) {
   int n=0:
   double data, sum=0, sumSq=0, mean, stdev;
   scanf("%lf", &data);
   while (data >= 0) {
      sum = sum + data;
      sumSq = sumSq + (data * data);
      scanf("%lf", &data);
   if (n > 0) {
      mean = sum/n:
      stdev = sqrt((sumSq - (sum*sum/n))/(n));
      printf("mean=%f; stdev=%f\n", mean, stdev);
   } else {
      printf("No data\n");
   return 0;
}
```

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# Modularizing readData

# **Example: Finding Mean and Standard Deviation**

 $\Box$  Example: Given  $n\ (\geq\ 0)$  non-negative floating-point values, find the mean  $\mu$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$ 

$$\mu = \frac{\sum x_i}{n}$$

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (x_i^2) - \frac{(\sum x_i)^2}{n}}{n}}$$

- Finding  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  requires the sum  $\sum x_i$ , as well as sum of squares  $\sum (x_i^2)$
- Use sentinel-controlled input to read values

#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>

void readData(int \*n, double \*sum, double \*sumSq);
int main(void) {
 int n=0;
 double sum=0, sumSq=0, mean, stdev;
 readData(&n,&sum,&sumSq);

 if (n > 0) {
 mean = sum/n;
 stdev = sqrt((sumSq - (sum\*sum/n))/(n));
 printf("mean=%f; stdev=%f\n", mean, stdev);
 } else {
 printf("No data\n");
 }
 return 0;
}

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#### Modularizing readData

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Modularizing findStats
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```
readData reads values until a sentinel (< 0) and outputs
   n (no. of values read), sum and sumSq (sum of square values)
   Precondition: none
   Postcondition: n \ge 0, sum \ge 0, sumSq \ge 0
void readData(int *n, double *sum, double *sumSq) {
   double data:
   *n = 0; *sum = 0; *sumSq = 0;
   scanf("%lf", &data);
   while (data >= 0) {
      *sum = *sum + data;
      *sumSq = *sumSq + (data*data);
      (*n)++:
      scanf("%lf", &data);
   return;
```

```
findStats outputs the mean and stdev of n values
   given sum and sumSq (sum of square values).
   Precondition: n > 0
void findStat(int n,
              double sum, double sumSq,
              double *mean. double *stdev) {
   *mean = sum / n:
   *stdev = sqrt((sumSq - (sum*sum)/n)/(n));
   return;
}
```

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# **Lecture Summary**

### Modularizing findStats

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
void readData(int *n, double *sum, double *sumSq);
void findStat(int n, double sum, double sumSq,
              double *mean, double *stdev);
int main(void)
   int n=0:
   double sum=0, sumSq=0, mean, stdev;
  readData(&n,&sum,&sumSq);
   if (n > 0) {
      findStat(n,sum,sumSq,&mean,&stdev);
      printf("mean=%f; stdev=%f\n", mean, stdev);
   } else {
      printf("No data\n");
   return 0;
```

- Application of user-defined functions as value-returning functions or procedures
- Use of function output parameters to simulate "multiple return values"
  - Are value-returning functions that return a single value no longer necessary?
  - How about function compositions?

```
double cos(double x);
double sqrt(double x);
```

allows the following expression to be defined:

```
sqrt((b * b) + (c * c) -
     (2 * b * c * cos(alpha * PI / 180)));
```