C programming language

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origins



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hello, world

```
/* file: helloworld.c */

#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
   printf("hello, world\n");
   return 0;
}
```

```
$ gcc -o helloworld helloworld.c
$ ./helloworld
hello, world
```

global variables

```
$ gcc -o figure2-4 figure2-4.c
$ ./figure2-4
M 419
N
424
```

```
global variables are
declared here —
outside of any function

characters in C are
treated internally
like signed integers

#include <stdio.h>

char ch;
int j;

int main() {
    scanf("%c %d", &ch, &j);
    j += 5;
    printf("%c\n%d\n", ch, j);
    return 0;
}
```



```
#include <stdio.h>

char ch;
int j;

int main() {
    scanf("%c %d", &ch, &j); <----
    j += 5;
    ch++;
    printf("%c\n%d\n", ch, j);
    return 0;</pre>

* is the address of
    operator — scanf
    expects the address
    of the variables where
    the data will be stored
```

conditions

```
if (<cond>) {
    /* ... */
}
else (<cond>) {
    /* ... */
}
else {
    /* ... */
}
```

conditions

```
if (x) {
    /* ??? */
}

if (x-y) {
    /* ??? */
}

if (x=y) {
    /* ??? */
}

/* ??? */
}
```

· under what conditions will each of the above be executed?

```
p break;
 default:
 break;
```

loops

```
11 } while (<cond>);
```

memory model — part i

global variables

declared outside of any function and remain in place throughout the execution of the entire program. they are stored at a fixed location in memory.

local variables

declared within a function and come into existence when the function is called and cease to exist when the function terminates. they are stored on the run-time stack.







(b) Run-time stack.

run-time stack a.k.a. "the stack"

run-time stack

- stores information about the active functions of a C program, including:
 - · return value,
 - · actual parameters,
 - · return address, and
 - local variables

in that order.

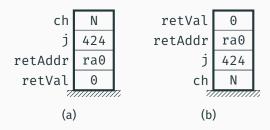
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functions

```
return value type

- +> void print_bar (int n) {

int k;

for (k=0; k<n; k++) {

printf("*");

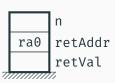
printf("\n");

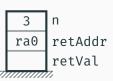
}
```

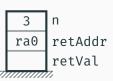
functions

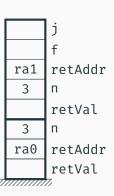
```
list of formal
                                                  parameters
                                   function name
return value type
return value type
                                                                                type of <expr>
                                                                              must match return
                                                                                type of function
```

```
int fact(int n) {
```

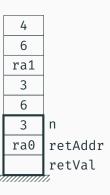








```
4 j
6 f
ra1 retAddr
3 n
6 retVal
3 n
ra0 retAddr
retVal
```



```
6
     retAddr
ra1
 3
     n
 6
     retVal
     n
     retAddr
ra0
     retVal
```

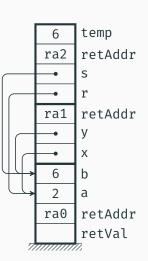
functions — call-by-"reference"

```
2 b
6 a
ra0 retAddr
retVal
```

functions — call-by-"reference"

6 ra2 6 ra1 6 6 а ra0 retAddr retVal

functions — call-by-"reference"



pointers

a pointer is a variable whose value is a memory address

```
int i = 0x1A;
int *ip = &i;
```

- \cdot &i evaluates to the address where the variable i is stored in memory
- \cdot i is an int, so ip is a pointer to an int

```
0 \times 0000012A0 \quad \boxed{00 \quad 00 \quad 00 \quad 1A} i 0 \times ????????? \quad \boxed{00 \quad 00 \quad 12 \quad A0} ip
```

pointers cont.

```
printf("0x%X\n", i);    /* 0x1A */
printf("0x%#X\n", &i);    /* 0x12A0 */
printf("0x%#X\n", ip);    /* 0x12A0 */
printf("0x%#X\n", &ip);    /* 0x???????? */
```

pointer dereference

- *ptr will
 - 1. treat the value of ${\tt ptr}$ as a memory address
 - 2. get the bytes of data located at that memory address
 - 3. interpret those bytes according to the type of pointer that ${\tt ptr}$ is

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printf("0x%X\n", *ip); /* 0x1A */
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```
printf("0x<mark>%X\n", *ip);  /* 0</mark>x1A */
```

 $\cdot ip[X] = *(ip + X)$

```
printf("0x%X\n", ip[0]); /* 0x1A */
```

pointers cont.

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```
· cp is a pointer to a char
0x00004C80 | h | e | l | l | o | , | | w | o | r | l | d | \0
0x??????? |00|00|4C|80|
   printf("%c\n", *cp); /* h */
   printf("%c\n", cp[0]); /* h */
   printf("%c\n", cp[4]); /* 0 */
   printf("%c\n", *(cp+4)); /* 0 */
 printf("%s\n", cp+7); /* world */
 _{7} printf("0x%#X\n", cp); /* 0x4C80 */
```

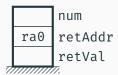
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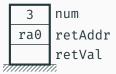
```
$ ./figure2-22
```



recursion

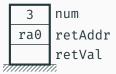
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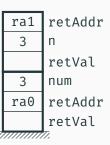


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```
$ ./figure2-22
Enter a small integer: 3
```

	_
ra1	retAddr
3	n
	retVal
3	num
ra0	retAddr
	retVal
///////////////////////////////////////	7.

```
$ ./figure2-22
Enter a small integer: 3
```



```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
$ ./figure2-22
Enter a small integer: 3
```

	_
ra2	retAddr
2	n
	retVal
ra1	retAddr
3	n
	retVal
3	num
ra0	retAddr
	retVal
	7,

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#include <stdio.h>
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```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
$ ./figure2-22
Enter a small integer: 3
```

ra2	retAddr
1	n
	retVal
ra2	retAddr
2	n
	retVal
ra1	retAddr
ra1 3	retAddr n
	n
3	n retVal
3	n retVal num

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#include <stdio.h>
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ra2	retAddr
1	n
1	retVal
ra2	retAddr
2	n
	retVal
ra1	retAddr
ra1 3	retAddr n
	1 0 07 10 01
	n
3	n retVal
3	n retVal num

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1	
1	
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```
$ ./figure2-22
Enter a small integer: 3
```

ra2	
1	
1	
ra2	
2	
2	
ra1	retAddr
3	n
6	retVal
3	num
ra0	retAddr
	retVal
///////////////////////////////////////	7,

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
$ ./figure2-22
Enter a small integer: 3
Its factorial is: 6
```

ra2	
1	
1	
ra2	
2	
2	
ra1	
3	
6	
3	num
ra0	retAddr
	retVal
	//,

```
#include <stdio.h>
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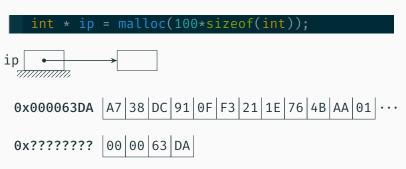
ra2	
1	
1	
ra2	
2	
2	
ra1	
3	
6	
3	num
ra0	retAddr
0	retVal
	7.

```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
$ ./figure2-22
...
$
```

heap memory

 designate a block of memory to store value(s) of a particular data type



heap memory

 designate a block of memory to store value(s) of a particular data type

release a block of memory back to system to be used elsewhere

free(ip);

heap memory cont.

heap memory cont.

```
ip[0] = 0x7; /* *ip = 0x7; */
0x000063DA | 00 | 00 | 07 | 0F | F3 | 21 | 1E | 76 | 4B | AA | 01 | · · ·
0x??????? |00|00|63|DA|
 ip[1] = 0xA; /* *(ip + 1) = 0xA; */
```

structures

structures cont.

comparison

Java	С
object-oriented	procedural
interpreted	compiled
String	char array
condition (boolean)	condition (int)
garbage-collected	no memory management
references	pointers
exceptions	error codes



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