

C programming language

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hello, world

```
1  /* file: helloworld.c */
2
3  #include <stdio.h>
4
5  int main() {
6      printf("hello, world\n");
7      return 0;
8  }
```

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

global variables

```
1 // file: figure2-4.c
2 // Stan Warford
3 // A nonsense program to illustrate global variables
4
5 #include <stdio.h>
6
7 char ch;
8 int j;
9
10 int main() {
11     scanf("%c %d", &ch, &j);
12     j += 5;
13     ch++;
14     printf("%c\n%d\n", ch, j);
15     return 0;
16 }
```

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

program breakdown

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6
7  char ch;
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9
10 int main() { <-----
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16 }
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C programs ALWAYS
start execution with
the `main` function

returning from `main`
ends the program

program breakdown

global variables are
declared here —
outside of any function

characters in C are
treated internally
like signed integers

```
5  #include <stdio.h>
6
7  { char ch;
8    int j;
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10 int main() {
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program breakdown

read data from
stdin (the terminal)

print data to **stdout**
(the terminal)

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10 int main() {
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correct headers must
be included to access
library functions

scanf and **printf** are
both library functions
declared in **stdio.h**

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

conditions

```
1  if (<cond>) {  
2      /* ... */  
3  }  
4  else (<cond>) {  
5      /* ... */  
6  }  
7  else {  
8      /* ... */  
9  }
```

conditions

```
1  if (x) {  
2      /* ??? */  
3  }  
4  if (x-y) {  
5      /* ??? */  
6  }  
7  if (x=y) {  
8      /* ??? */  
9  }
```

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

switch

```
1  switch (<expr>) {  
2      case <const>:  
3          /* ... */  
4  
5      case <const>: /* fall-through */  
6          /* ... */  
7      break;  
8  
9      default:  
10         /* ... */  
11         break;  
12 }
```

loops

```
1  for (<init>; <cond>; <incr>) {  
2      /* ... */  
3  }  
4  
5  while (<cond>)  
6      /* ... */  
7  }  
8  
9  do {  
10     /* ... */  
11 } while (<cond>);
```

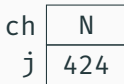
memory model — part i

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.



(a) Fixed location.



(b) Run-time stack.

run-time stack a.k.a. “the stack”

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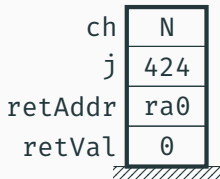
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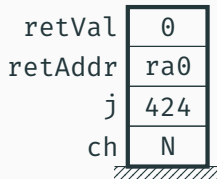
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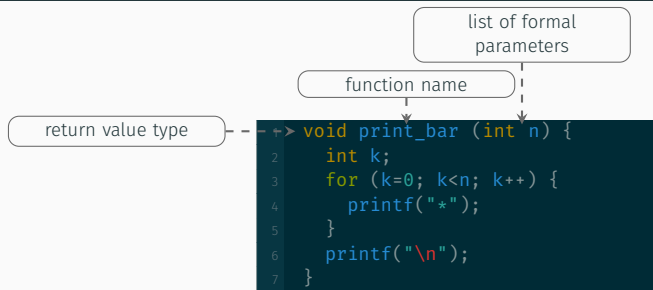


(a)



(b)

functions



functions

list of formal parameters

function name

return value type

```
1 void print_bar (int n) {
2     int k;
3     for (k=0; k<n; k++) {
4         printf("*");
5     }
6     printf("\n");
7 }
```

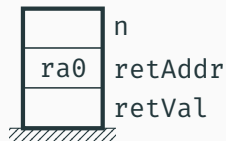
return value type

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2     int f, j;
3     f = 1;
4     for (j=1; j<=n; j++) {
5         f *= j;
6     }
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type of <expr>
must match return
type of function

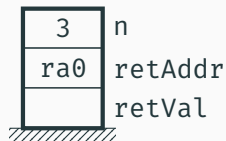
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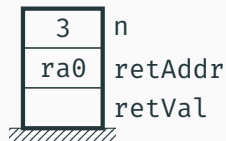
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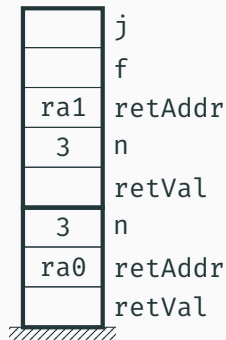
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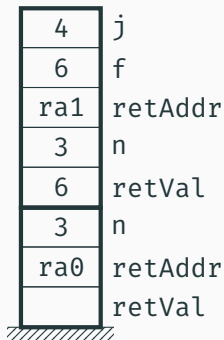
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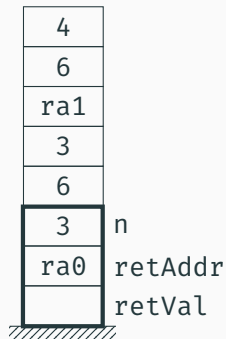
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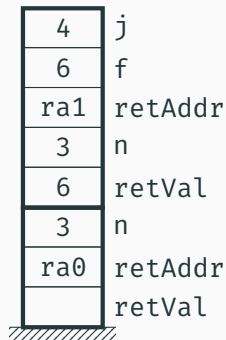
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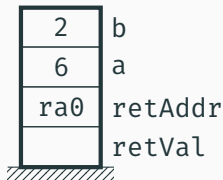
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12 }  
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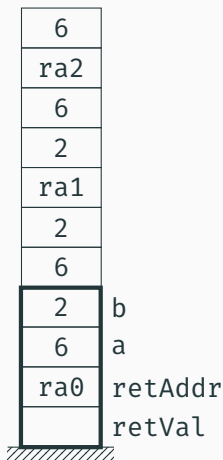
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5 void swap(int r, int s) {  
6     int temp;  
7     temp = r;  
8     r = s;  
9     s = temp;  
10 }  
11  
12 void order(int x, int y) {  
13     if (x > y) {  
14         swap(x, y);  
15     } // ra2  
16 }  
17  
18 int main() {  
19     int a, b;  
20     scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);  
21     order(a, b);  
22     printf("d %d\n", a, b); // ra1  
23     return 0;  
24 }
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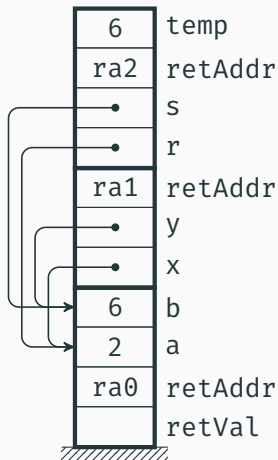
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functions — call-by-“reference”

```
5 void swap(int *r, int *s) {  
6     int temp;  
7     temp = *r;  
8     *r = *s;  
9     *s = temp;  
10 }  
11  
12 void order(int *x, int *y) {  
13     if (*x > *y) {  
14         swap(x, y);  
15     } // ra2  
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18 int main() {  
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20     scanf("%d %d", &a, &b);  
21     order(&a, &b);  
22     printf("d %d\n", a, b); // ra1  
23     return 0;  
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```



pointers

- a pointer is a variable whose value is a memory address

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

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

0x000012A0

00	00	00	1A
----	----	----	----

 } i

0x????????

00	00	12	A0
----	----	----	----

 } ip

pointers cont.

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

pointer dereference

- `*ptr` will
 1. treat the value of `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 `ptr` is

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

- `ip[X] = *(ip + X)`

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

pointers cont.

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1 printf("0x%X\n", i);           /* 0x1A */
2 printf("0x%X\n", *ip);         /* 0x1A */
3 printf("0x%X\n", ip[0]);       /* 0x1A */
4 printf("0x%X\n", *(ip+0));     /* 0x1A */
5 printf("0x%X\n", &i);          /* 0x12A0 */
6 printf("0x%X\n", ip);          /* 0x12A0 */
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pointers cont.

```
1 char *cp = "hello, world";
```

- `cp` is a *pointer* to a `char`

0x00004C80 | h | e | l | l | o | , | | w | o | r | l | d | \0 |

0x???????? | 00 | 00 | 4C | 80 |

```
1 printf("%c\n", *cp);      /* h */
2 printf("%c\n", cp[0]);    /* h */
3 printf("%c\n", cp[4]);    /* o */
4 printf("%c\n", *(cp+4));  /* o */
5 printf("%s\n", cp);       /* hello, world */
6 printf("%s\n", cp+7);     /* world */
7 printf("0x%X\n", cp);     /* 0x4C80 */
8 printf("0x%X\n", &cp);    /* 0x???????? */
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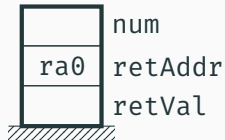
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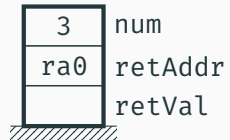


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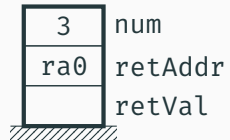


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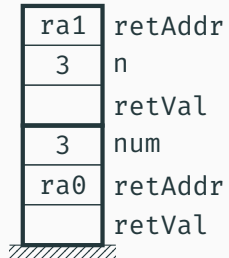


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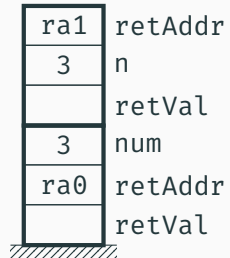


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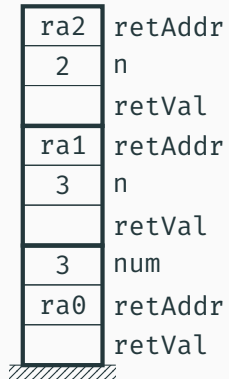


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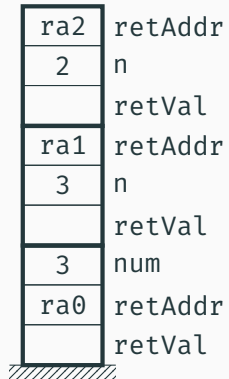


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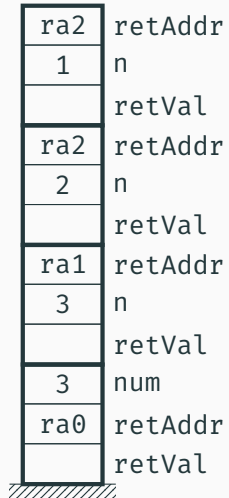


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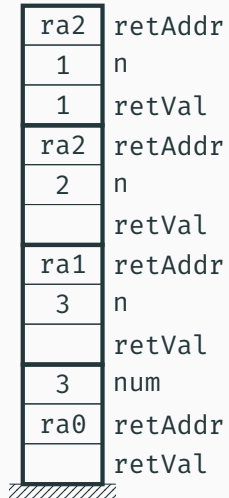


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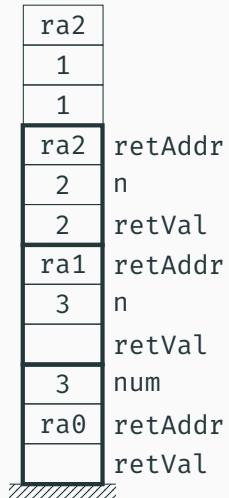


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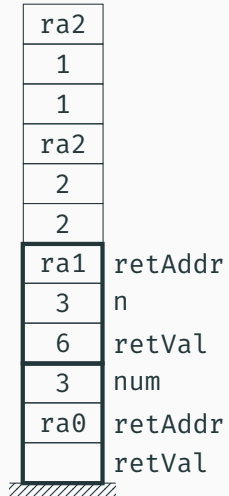


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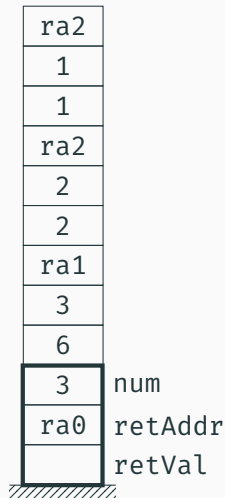
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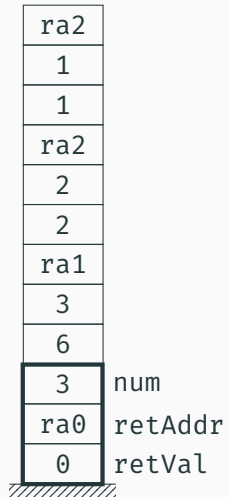
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- release a block of memory back to system to be used elsewhere

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free(ip);
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structures

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main() {
4      struct {
5          char first;
6          char last;
7          int age;
8          char gender;
9      } bill;
10
11     scanf("%c%c%d%c", &bill.first, &bill.last, &bill.age,
12           &bill.gender);
13     printf("Initials: %c%c\n", bill.first, bill.last);
14     printf("Age: %d\n", bill.age);
15     printf("Gender: ");
16     if (bill.gender == 'f') {
17         printf("fe");
18     }
19     printf("male\n");
20     return 0;
21 }
```

structures cont.

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3
4  struct { char *name; } bill;
5
6  char * find(char * str, char c) {
7      for (; *str != c; str++);
8      return str;
9  }
10
11 int main() {
12     char *first, *last;
13
14     first = malloc(100);
15     scanf("%s%d", first);
16     last = find(first, '-') + 1;
17     last[-1] = '\0';
18     printf("Initials: %c%c\n", first[0], *last);
19     free(first);
20     bill.name = malloc(20);
21     printf("Full name: %s\n", bill.name);
22     free(bill.name);
23
24     return 0;
25 }
```

comparison

Java	C
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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