C programming language

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origins



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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

hello, world

```
#include <stdio.h>

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

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

conditions

· under what conditions will each of the following be execute?

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

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

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

/* ??? */
}
```

add evens

 create program called addEven.c that adds all the even numbers between 1 and 100 and prints the sum modify addEven.c to get maximum value from the command-line instead of hard-coded as 100

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char * argv[]) {
   printf("(%d) %s:%s\n", argc, argv[0],
        argv[1]);
   return 0;
}
```

printf / scanf

- printf() interprets variables and prints character representations to standard out (usually the terminal)
- scanf() scans characters from standard in (usually the terminal) and interprets them for storage in variables

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
   int i;
   scanf("%d", &i);
   return 0;
}
```

echo

- modify helloworld.c to ask user for an input and then print it back
- · change its name to echo.c

```
$ ./echo
Enter a string to echo: hello, world
hello,
```

pointers

a pointer is a variable whose value is a memory address

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

- $\upbeta \mathbf{i}$ evaluates to the address where the variable \mathbf{i} is stored in memory
- \cdot i is an int, so ip is a pointer to an int

```
0 \times 0000012A0 \quad 00 \quad 00 \quad 00 \quad 1A  i 0 \times ????????? \quad 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 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

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

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

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

pointers cont.

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```
char * cp = "hello, world";
cp is a pointer to a char

exequence of the color of the color
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
void swap(int n1, int n2) {
_{5} n1 = n2;
n2 = tmp;
   int v1 = 11, v2 = 77;
   printf("BEFORE v1=%d, v2=%d n", v1, v2);
 swap(v1, v2);
   printf("AFTER v1=%d, v2=%d\n", v1, v2);
 return 0;
```

heap memory

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

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

free(ip);

heap memory cont.

```
ip[0] = 0x7; /* *ip = 0x7; */
0x000063DA | 00 | 00 | 00 | 07 | t | v | 9 | 1 | S | ? | ) | . | · · ·
0x??????? | 00 | 00 | 63 | DA |
  ip[1] = 0xA; /* *(ip + 1) = 0xA; */
```

0x000063DA | 00 | 00 | 07 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0A | S | ? |) | . | · · ·

practice

- · download this code
- \cdot implement the swap method



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