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What is a Function

- A function is a self-contained block of statements that perform a coherent task of some kind.
- Every C program is a collection of these functions

Why Function ???

- Suppose you have a task that is always performed exactly in the same way

Advantages of Functions

- 1) The functions can be developed by different people and can be combined together as one application.
- 2) Easy to code and debug.
- 3) Functions support *reusability*.

Advantages conti....



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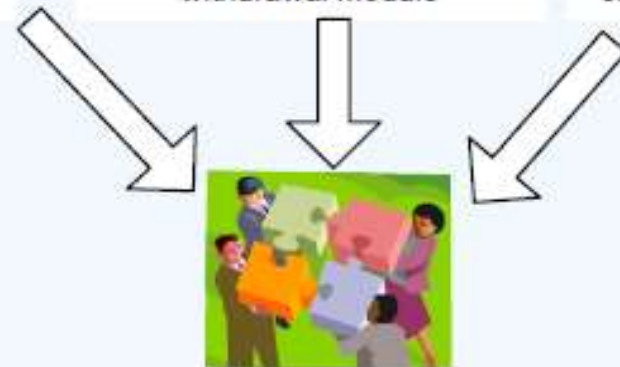
James working on enquiry module



Susan working on cash withdrawal module



George working on cash deposit module



Code Integration





Check Account
Balance Function

Developed

Reused



Susan working on cash
withdrawal module



James working on
enquiry module

Classification of Functions

- **There are two type function in c**
 1. Library functions
 2. User Defined functions

Library functions

- Defined in the language
- Provided along with the compiler

Ex. **printf()**, **scanf()** etc.



User Defined functions



User Defined functions

- written by the user

Ex. **main()** or any other user-defined function

Note: A user defined function can become a part of the library function

Elements of a Function

- Function Declaration or Function Prototype
 - The function should be declared prior to its usage
- Function Definition
 - Implementing the function or writing the task of the function
 - Consists of
 - Function Header
 - Function Body
- Function Invocation or Function call
 - To utilize a function's service, the function have to be invoked (called)

Declaring Function Prototypes

- A function prototype is the information to the compiler regarding the user defined **function name**, the **data type** and the **number of values** to be passed to the function and the **return data type** from the function

Syntax:

`Return_data_type FunctionName(data_type arg1,data_type arg2,...,data_type argn);`

Example:

```
int factorial(int n);
```

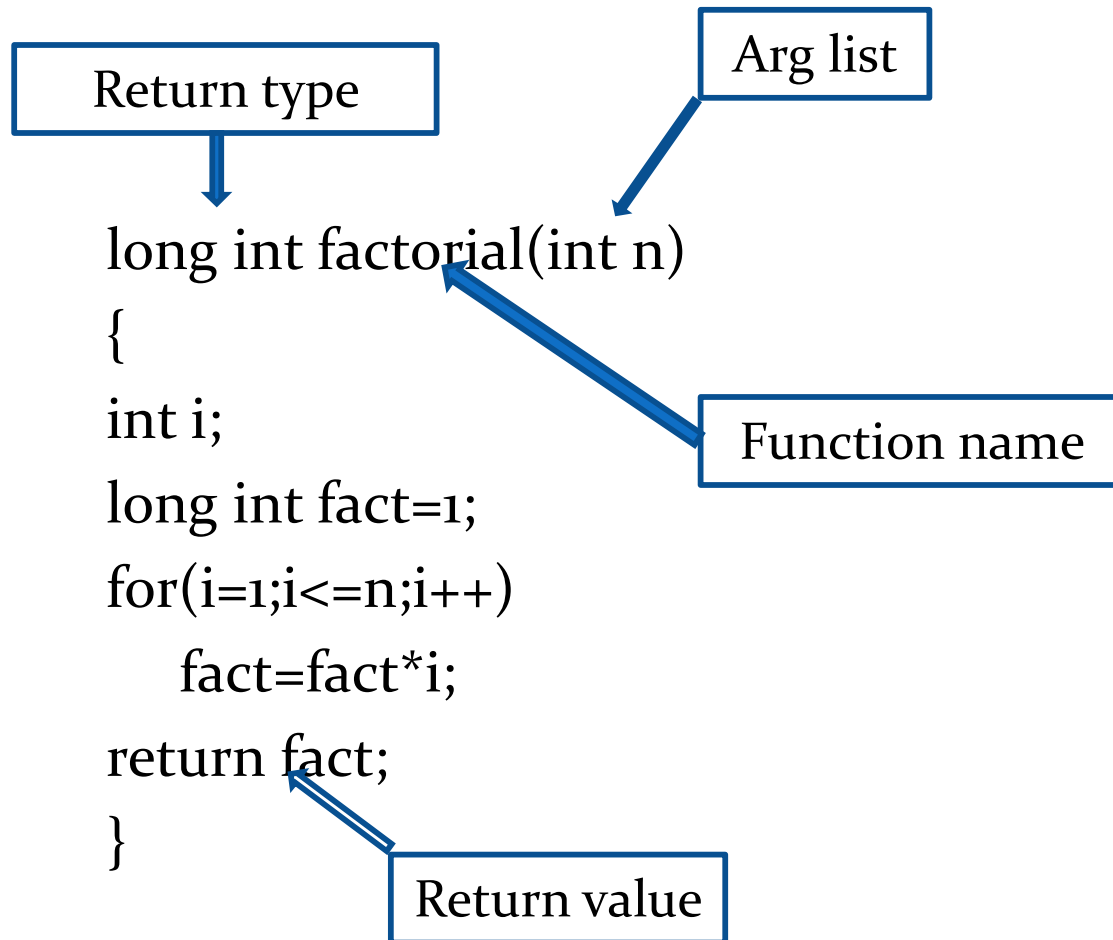
Function Definition

- A function header and body looks like this:

```
Return-data-type function-name(data-type argument-1,  
data-type argument-2,...)  
{  
Local variable declarations;  
                                /* Write the body of the function here */  
Statement(s);  
return (expression);  
}
```

- The return data type can be any valid data type in C
- If a function does not return anything then the void is the return type
- A function header does not end with a semicolon
- The return statement is optional. It is required only when a value has to be returned
- By default return type is `int` in c.

Writing User-Defined Functions



Returning values

- The result of the function can be given back to the calling functions.
- Return statement is used to return a value to the calling function.

Syntax:

```
return (expression);
```

Example:

```
return (iNumber*iNumber);  
return 0;  
return (3);  
return;  
return (10 * i);
```

Calling Function

- A function is called by giving its name and passing the required arguments

Ex. `fact=factorial(n);`

- 1) The variables can also be sent as arguments to functions.
- 2) The constant can also be sent as arguments to functions.
- 3) Calling a function which does not return any value.
- 4) Calling a function that do not take any arguments and do not return anything.

Calling User-Defined Functions

```
Void main()  
{  
  int n  
  long int fact  
  clrscr();  
  Printf("enter number\n");  
  Scanf("%d",&n);  
  fact=factorial(n);  
  Printf("factorial of %d =%ld",n,fact);  
  Printf("factorial=%ld",factorial(5));  
  getch();  
}
```

Actual arg

Function call

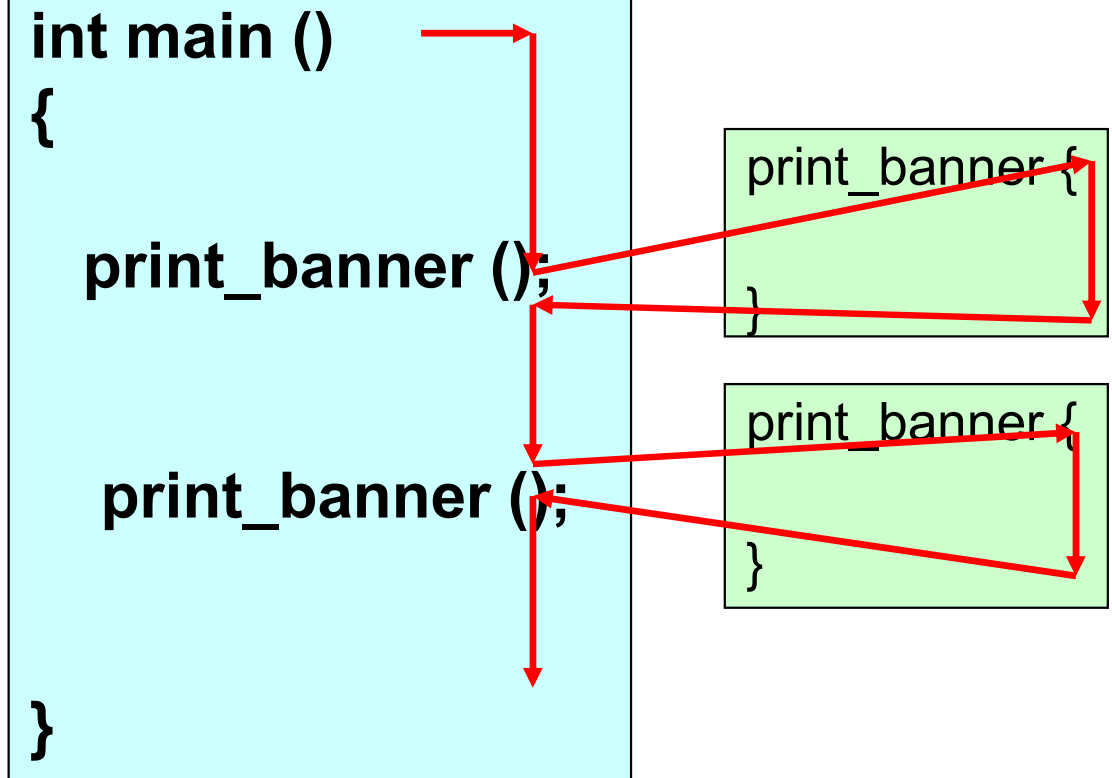
formal arg

```
long int factorial(int n)  
{  
  int i;  
  long int fact=1;  
  for(i=1;i<=n;i++)  
    fact=fact*i;  
  return fact;  
}
```

Function Control Flow

```
void print_banner ()  
{  
    printf("*****\n");  
}
```

```
int main ()  
{  
    ...  
    print_banner ();  
    ...  
    print_banner ();  
}
```



Formal and Actual Parameters

- The variables declared in the function header are called as **formal parameters**
- The variables or constants that are passed in the function call are called as **actual parameters**
- The **formal parameter** names and **actual parameters** names can be the same or different.
- The types of the arguments passed and the parameters declared must match. If they don't match, automatic type casting is applied. If these still do not match, there is an error.

Simple C function

```
#include<stdio.h>
void message(); //fun prototype
Void main( )
{
    message( ) ;
    printf ("\nCry, and you stop the
monotony!" ) ;
}

void message( )
{
    printf ("\nSmile, and the world
smiles with you..." ) ;
}
```

```
#include<stdio.h>
void message( )
{
    printf ("\nSmile, and the world
smiles with you..." ) ;
}

Void main( )
{
    message( ) ;
    printf ("\nCry, and you stop the
monotony!" ) ;
}
```

Smile, and the world smiles with you...
Cry, and you stop the monotony!

```
italy( )  
{  
    printf ( "\\nl am in italy" ) ;  
}
```

```
brazil( )  
{  
    printf ( "\\nl am in brazil" ) ;  
}
```

```
argentina( )  
{  
    printf ( "\\nl am in argentina" ) ;  
}
```

```
main( )  
{  
    printf ( "\\nl am in main" ) ;  
    italy( ) ;  
    brazil( ) ;  
    argentina( ) ;  
}
```

I am in main
I am in italy
I am in brazil
I am in argentina

Example-1

Finding the sum of two numbers using functions (No parameter passing and no return)

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
void main()
{
void fnSum();
clrscr();
fnSum();
getch();
}
```

```
void fnSum()
{
int n1,n2,Sum;
printf("\nEnter the two numbers:");
scanf("%d%d",&n1,&n2);
Sum = n1+n2;
printf("\nThe sum is %d\n",Sum);
}
```

```
Enter the two numbers:10
15
The sum is 25
```

```
main( )  
{  
    printf ( "\n am in main" );  
    italy( );  
    printf ( "\n am finally back in main" );  
}
```

```
italy( )  
{  
    printf ( "\n am in italy" );  
    brazil( );  
    printf ( "\n am back in italy" );  
}
```

```
brazil( )  
{  
    printf ( "\n am in brazil" );  
    argentina( );  
}
```

```
argentina( )  
{  
    printf ( "\n am in argentina" );  
}
```

I am in main
I am in italy
I am in brazil
I am in argentina
I am back in italy
I am finally back in main

Calling function (Caller)

Called function (Callee)

parameter

```
void main()
{ float cent, fahr;
  scanf("%f",&cent);
  fahr = cent2fahr(cent);
  printf("%fC = %fF\n",
    cent, fahr);
}
```

```
float cent2fahr(float data)
{
  float result;
  result = data*9/5 + 32;
  return result;
}
```

Parameter passed

Returning value

Calling/Invoking the cent2fahr function

Variable Scope

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

```
int A = 1;
```

```
void main()
```

Global variable

```
{
```

```
myProc();
```

```
printf ( "A = %d\n", A);
```

```
}
```

```
void myProc()
```

```
{ int A = 2;
```

```
if ( A==2 )
```

```
{
```

```
A = 3;
```

```
printf ( "A = %d\n", A);
```

```
}
```

```
}
```

Hides the global A

Output:

A = 3

A = 1

Example-2

Finding the sum of two numbers using functions (parameter passing and no return)

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
void fnSum(int , int);

void main()
{
int n1,n2;
clrscr();
printf("\nEnter the two numbers:");
scanf("%d%d",&n1,&n2);
fnSum(n1,n2);
getch();
}
```

```
void fnSum(int n1,int n2)
{
int Sum;
Sum = n1+n2;
printf("\nThe sum is %d\n",Sum);
}
```

```
Enter the two numbers:10
15
The sum is 25
```

Example-3

Finding the sum of two numbers using functions (parameter passing and returning value)

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<conio.h>
void main()
{
int fnSum(int , int);
int n1,n2,Sum;
clrscr();
printf("\nEnter the two numbers:");
scanf("%d%d",&n1,&n2);
Sum=fnSum(n1,n2);
printf("\nThe sum is %d\n",Sum);
getch();
}
```

```
int fnSum(int n1,int n2)
{
int Sum;
Sum = n1+n2;
return Sum;
}
```

```
Enter the two numbers:10
15
The sum is 25
```

Conclusions of functions

- 1) Any C program contains at least one function.
- 2) If a program contains only one function, it must be `main()`.
- 3) If a C program contains more than one function, then one (and only one) of these functions must be `main()`, because program execution always begins with `main()`.
- 4) There is no limit on the number of functions that might be present in a C program.
- 5) Each function in a program is called in the sequence specified by the function calls in `main()`.
- 6) After each function has done its thing, control returns to `main()`. When `main()` runs out of function calls, the program ends

Exercise

- 1) Write a program in C to find the square of any number using the function.
- 2) Write a Program to Reverse a string Using function.
- 3) Write a program in C to convert a decimal number to a binary number using the function.
- 4) Write a program in C to check whether a number is a prime number or not using the function.