EE2331 Data Structures and Algorithms

C++ Programming Review

Outline

- Standard Libraries
- Basic Data Types
- Arithmetic, Bitwise, Logical Operators
- Control Structures
- Pointers
- Arrays
- Composite Structures
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- Standard I/O
- Pseudo Code
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C++ File Structure



Header file (.h)

Functions declaration

Functions implementation

Main program

A header file commonly contains <u>forward declarations</u> of <u>subroutines</u>. Programmers who wish to declare functions in more than one source file can place such declaration in a single header file, which other code can then <u>include</u> whenever the header contents are required.

A Basic C++ Program

```
//include directive(s)
#include <cstdio>
int z = 0;
                          //global variable(s) declaration & initialization
void hello(int a) {
                          //function(s) declaration & implementation
  printf("%d\n", a + z);
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
                          //local variable(s) declaration & initialization
  int x = 10:
  hello(x);
                          //function call
  return 0;
                          //return to O.S. (0 = successful completion)
```

Main Function

- There are two declarations of main that must be allowed:
 - int main()
 // without arguments
 - int main(int argc, char** argv) // with arguments
- The return type of main must be int.
 - Return zero to indicate success and non-zero to indicate failure.
 - You are not required to explicitly write a return statement in main(). If you let main() return without an explicit return statement, it's the same as if you had written return 0;.
 - int main() { }
 // equivalent to the next line
 - int main() { return 0; }
 - There are two macros, EXIT_SUCCESS and EXIT_FAILURE, defined in <cstdlib> that can also be returned from main() to indicate success and failure, respectively.

Command Line Arguments

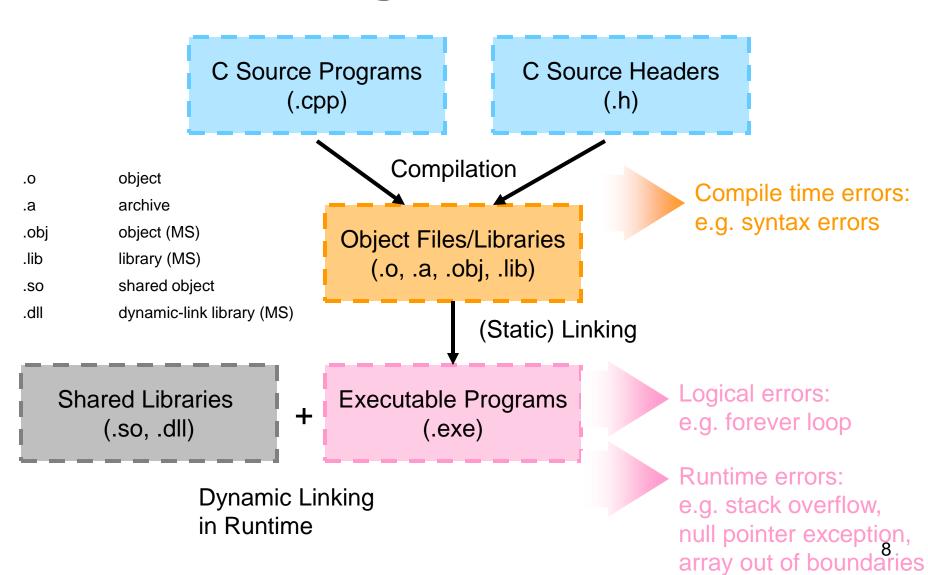
```
C:\> assign1.exe dat1.txt data2 ... xxx
Where's the
location of
your
                                  1<sup>st</sup> argument 2<sup>nd</sup> argument ...
           Your compiled program
compiled
program?
                  argv[0]
                                     argv[1] argv[2] ... argv[n]
                        Total no. of arguments (i.e. argc = n + 1)
                                                           argc: count
         int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
                                                           argv: value
```



Command Line Arguments

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {
  printf("argc = %d\n", argc);
  for (int i = 0; i < argc; i++)
       printf("argv[%d] = %s\n", i, argv[i]);}
>ex1_2.exe 123 abc
argc = 3
                               //name of the program
argv[0] = ex1_2.exe
argv[1] = 123
                               //string, not integer
argv[2] = abc
```

The Building Process



Common Standard Library Header

- <cstdio>
 - Standard I/O facilities: printf(), scanf(), getchar(), fopen(), fclose(), etc
- <cstdlib>
 - Standard utility functions: malloc(), free(), rand(), etc
- <cstring>
 - String functions: strcpy(), strcmp(), memset(), etc
- <iostream>
 - Perform both input and output operations with the stream objects: cin and cout

Comments

```
/* Block comment 1 */

/*

* Block comment 2

*/
```

// Line comment

Basic Data Type

Data itself does not have meaning. Its meaning depends on how you interpret the data.

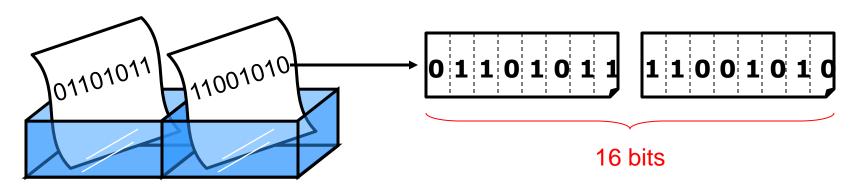
- Char
 - 1 Byte (8 bits)

8 bits

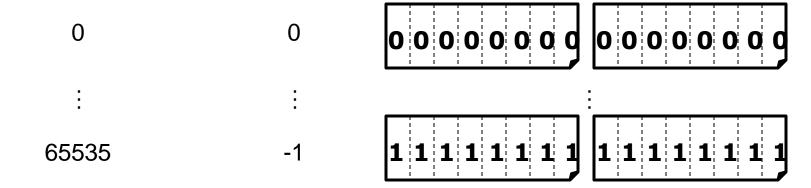
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Basic Data Type

- Short Int
 - ■2 Bytes (16 bits)

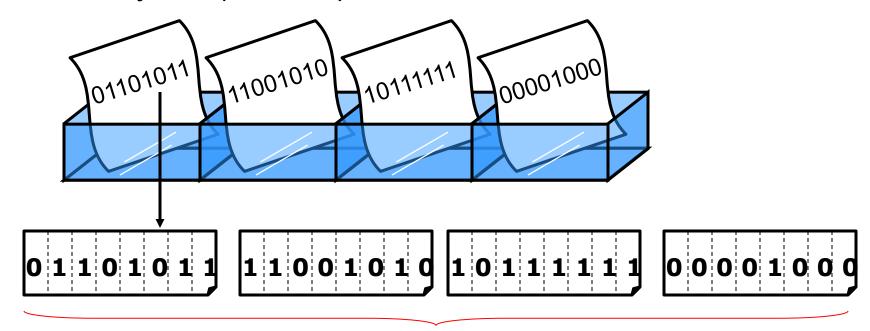


Unsigned Signed (2's complement)



Basic Data Type

- Int / Long Int
 - ■4 Bytes (32 bits)



32 bits

Primitive Data Types in C++

Data type	Size (byte)	Interpretation/representation	Range of values
bool	1	Boolean (not available in C)	false or true
char	1	signed number (2's complement)	-128 to 127
unsigned char		unsigned number	0 to 255
int	4	signed number (2's complement)	-2^{31} to $2^{31}-1$
unsigned int	4	unsigned number	0 to 2 ³² –1
short	2	signed number (2's complement)	-2 ¹⁵ to 2 ¹⁵ -1
unsigned short	2	unsigned number	0 to 2 ¹⁶ –1
long	4	signed number (2's complement)	-2 ³¹ to 2 ³¹ -1
unsigned long	4	unsigned number	0 to 2 ³² –1
long long		signed number (2's complement)	-2 ⁶³ to 2 ⁶³ -1
unsigned long long	8	unsigned number	0 to 2 ⁶⁴ –1
float	4	IEEE 32-bit floating point number $\pm 1.4 \times 10^{-45}$ to ± 3.4	
double	8	IEEE 64-bit floating point number	±5×10 ⁻³²⁴ to ±1.798×10 ³⁰⁸
pointer	4	memory address 0 to 2 ³² –1	

Operators in C++

Operator	Symbol	Description
Assignment	=	
Arithmetic	+, -, *, /, %	
Increment, decrement	++,	
Unary minus	-	
Comparison	==, !=, <, <=, >, >=	
Logical	!, &&,	
Bitwise	~, &, , ^, <<, >>	
insertion, extraction	cout << s cin >> i	insertion to an output stream extraction from an input stream
Member and pointer	x[i]	subscript (x is an array or a pointer)
	*X	indirection, dereference (x is a pointer)
	&x	reference (address of x)
	x->y	Structure dereference (x is a pointer to object/struct; y is a member of the object/struct pointed to by x)
	x.y	Structure reference (x is an object or struct; y is a member of x)

Use of Variables

Declaration

Given an identifier (variable name), you specify the data type of it and hence implicitly reserve the required memory space.

Initialization

- Variables must be initialized before being used.
- The following code will cause compilation error.

```
int a;
cout << a;
```

Addition

```
int a, b, c;

a = 1;

b = 2;

c = a + b;

printf("%d\n", c);
```

■ Mind the overflow problem

```
int a, b, c;
a = b = 2147483647; //the largest value of signed int
c = a + b;
printf("%d\n", c);
```

Subtraction

```
int a, b, c;
a = 1;
b = 2;
c = a - b;
printf("%d\n", c);
```

■ Mind the underflow problem

```
int a, b, c;

a = -2147483648; //the smallest value of signed int

b = 2147483647; //the largest value of signed int

c = a - b;

printf("%d\n", c);
```

Division

```
int a, b, c;
a = 5;
b = 2;
c = a / b;
printf("%d\n", c);  // output is 2
```

- Integer truncation occurs
- ■What is the resulted of a <u>float</u> divided by an <u>int</u>?

Remainder (Modulus Operator)

```
int a, b, c;

a = 5;

b = 2;

c = a % b;

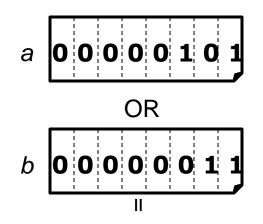
printf("%d\n", c);
```

- ■When to use it?
 - Generate periodic values
 - ■To wrap around the array index (in Queue)
 - ■To determine the hash key (in Hash table)

Bitwise & Logical Operators

■ Bitwise OR

```
int a, b, c;
a = 5;
b = 3;
c = a | b;
printf("%d\n", c);
```



Logical OR

```
int a, b, c;

a = 5;

b = 3;

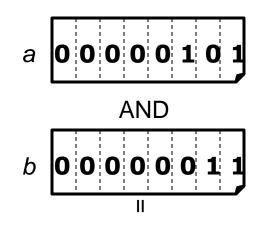
c = a || b;

printf("%d\n", c);
```

Bitwise & Logical Operators

■ Bitwise AND

```
int a, b, c;
a = 5;
b = 3;
c = a & b;
printf("%d\n", c);
```



Logical AND

```
int a, b, c;

a = 5;

b = 3;

c = a && b;

printf("%d\n", c);
```

Bitwise Operators

Exclusive OR

```
int a, b, c;

a = 5;

b = 3;

c = a \land b;

printf(``%d\n'', c);
```

- When to use it?
 - Interchange two variables (in Bubble Sort)

Bitwise Operators

■ Left Shift (x2)

```
int a, b;

a = 5;

b = a << 1;

printf("%d\n", b);
```

■ Right Shift (/2)

```
int a, b;

a = 5;

b = a >> 1;

printf("%d\n", b);
```

Bitwise Operators

■ 1's complement

```
int a, b;

a = 5;

b = \sim a;

printf("%d\n", b);
```

Note: both a and b should be 4-byte long

Variable Assignments

Example 1

```
int a, b, c;
a = b = c = 5;
printf("%d\n", a);
```

Example 2

```
int a = 5, b = 5, c = 5;
a = b == c;
printf("%d\n", a);
```

Variable Assignments

Example 3

```
int a = 5, b = 5, c = 5;
a = b > c;
printf("%d\n", a);
```

Example 4

```
int a = 5, b = 5, c = 5;
a = ++b > c;
printf("%d %d %d\n", a, b, c);
```

Example 5

```
int a = 5, b = 5, c = 5;
a = b++ > c;
printf("%d %d %d\n", a, b, c);
```

Typecasting

■ Example 1 - Implicit

■ Example 2 - Explicit

```
int a;
float b = 10.5;
a = (int) b;  // still precision loss but NO warning
printf("%d %f\n", a, b); // 10 10.5
```

Typecasting

Example 3

```
int a = 3;
int b = 2;
int c = 4;
cout << a / b * c << endl; // output is 4 !!
cout << a * c / b << endl; // output is 6</pre>
```

- The resultant type of an arithmetic operation will be promoted to the type of the operators with larger precision.
 - \blacksquare int / int \rightarrow int
 - float / int → float

Octal and Hex. Assignment

Example 1 - Octal

```
int a;
a = 022;  // leading zero
printf("%d\n", a);  // 18
```

Example 2 - Hex

```
int a;
a = 0x22;
printf("%d\n", a); // 34
```

Control Structures

If-then-else

- ?: (equivalent to if-then-else)
 - expression ? true instruction : false instruction;

```
if (a < b)
    min = a;
else
    min = b;

min = a < b? a: b;</pre>
```

For-Loop and While-Loop

for-loop and while-loop are interchangeable

```
for (initialization; loop_test; loop_counting) {
        //loop-body
}
initialization;
while (loop_test) {
        //loop-body
        loop_counting;
```

Jump Statements

- Jump statements allow the early termination of loops
- These cause unconditional branches
 - goto is bad practice and will not be dealt with
 - break will exit the inner most loop
 - continue will force the next iteration
 - return will return to the calling function
 - exit will quit the program

Breaking Out Loops Early

Bad Styles of Loop

```
// DON'T use != (Not equal) to test the end of a range
for (i = 1; i != n; i++) {
    //loop body
}
// How does the loop behave if n happens to be zero or negative?
```

```
// DON'T modify the value of the loop-counter inside the loop body of a for-loop.
for (i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
   //main body of the loop
   if (testCondition)
        i = i + displacement;

   //i++ is executed before going back to top of the loop
}</pre>
```

Breaking Out Functions Early

```
void func(...) {
     ...
     if (...) return;  //to break out the function
     ...
}
```

Breaking Out Programs Early

Loop Design

- Find the maximum value in an array of integers.
- Any mistake in this program?

Loop Design

- Precondition/Postcondition is a condition (predicate) that must always be true just <u>prior/after</u> to the execution of some section of code
 - Often, preconditions/postconditions are simply included in the documentation of the affected section of code.
 - If a precondition is violated, the effect of the section of code becomes undefined and thus may or may not carry out its intended work.
- Loop invariant is a condition that is necessarily true immediately before and after each iteration of a loop.
 - An appropriate invariant should also present the **goal** of the loop such that it is used to help prove the correctness of an algorithm.

Loop Design

Find the maximum value in an array of integers.

```
// precondition: n > 0 and a[] is unordered
int max(int a[], int n) {
   int m = a[0];
   // m equals the maximum value in a[0...0]
   int i = 1;
   while (i < n) {
     // invariant: m equals the maximum value in a[0...i-1]
     if (m < a[i])
        m = a[i]; // m equals the maximum value in a[0...i]
     i++;
     // invariant: m equals the maximum value in a[0...i-1]
   }
   // postcondition: m equals the maximum value in a[0...i-1], and i==n
   return m;
```

Pointers and Arrays

Note: The actual size of integers and pointers are 4-byte long

(1) int a, *p;

(2) a = 5;

9 p = &a;

a: value of *a* (i.e. 5)

&a: address of a (i.e. 0xFF00)

*a: ?

1

OXFF04

2

a 0xFF00

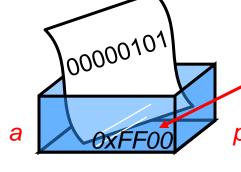


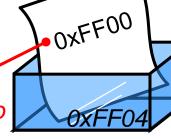
p: value of p == address of a (i.e. 0xFF00)

&p: address of p (i.e. 0xFF04)

*p: value pointed by p (i.e. 5)

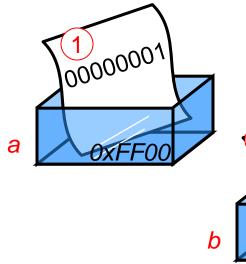
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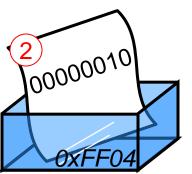


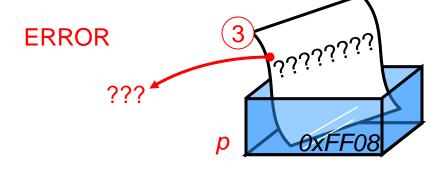


```
int a, b, c, *p;
  a = 1;
  b = 2;
  p = &c;
 *p = a + b;
  printf("%d %d\n", c, *p);
                                            (4)<sub>0000011</sub>
                                 (33334355)
10000001
                  100000010
             b
                                                                        44
```

```
int a, b, *p;
1 a = 1;
2 b = 2;
3 *p = a + b;
printf("%d\n", *p);
```







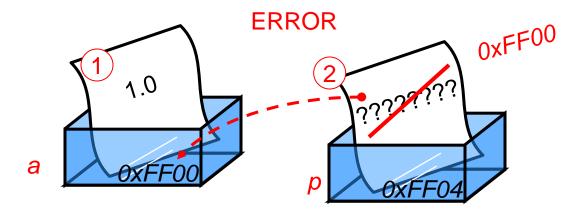
```
float a;

int *p;

1 a = 1.0;

2 p = &a;

3 printf("%d\n", *p);
```

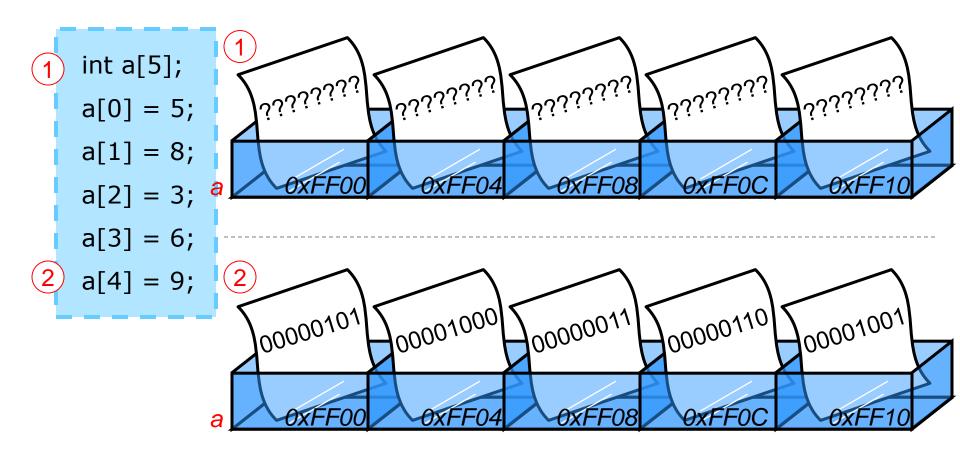


Note: this is not the actual bit representation of floating numbers. It is simplified for easy drawing

Pointers Example

```
int x = 1, y = 2;
int *a, *b, *c;
a = &x;
b = &y;
printf("%d %d %d %d\n", x, y, *a, *b);
c = a; // swap a with b
a = b;
b = c;
printf("%d %d %d %d\n", x, y, *a, *b);
```

Creation of Array



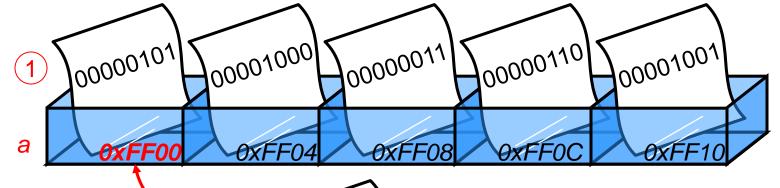
Note: the elements of integer array should be 4-byte long.

Base Address of Arrays

Initialization, set size implicitly

- int a[] = {5, 8, 3, 6, 9}; int *p;
- 2 p = a; //why not p = &a; ??

The array variable 'a' is interpreted as a pointer pointing to the first element (base address) of the array.



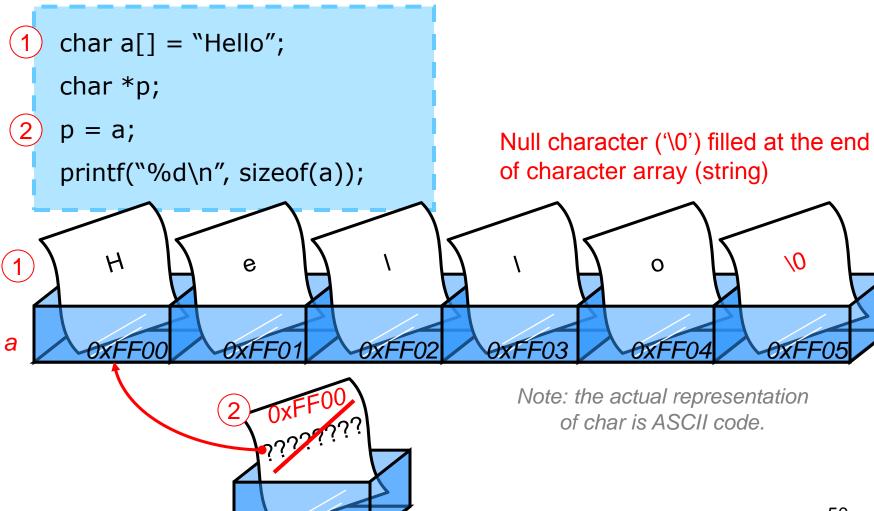
base address

a[0]: the value of the 1st element (= 5)
a: the address of the 1st element (= 0xFF00)
p: the value of p (= 0xFF00)

&p: the address of p (= 0xFF14) &a: ?

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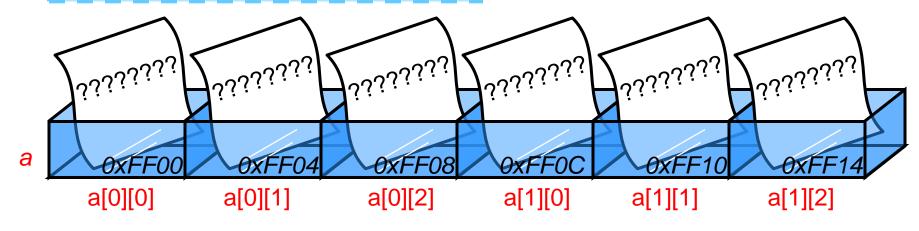
C-String (Character Array)

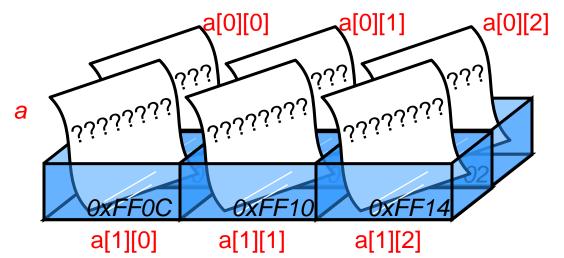


2D Arrays

int a[2][3]; //2 rows, 3 columns

Multi-dimensional arrays are mapped to the linear address space of the computer system.





In C/C++, elements of a multidimensional array are arranged in row-major order.

Size of Array

- The size of array is fixed and predetermined
- Cannot declare an array with variable size

```
int n=100;  // n is a variable
int i, a[n];  // compilation error
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)
  a[i] = i;</pre>
```

Boundaries of Array

C/C++ will not check the boundaries of array

```
int a[10];
a[11] = 0;  //allow to run (dangerous!)
    //but result is unpredictable!
```

It is the responsibility of programmers to ensure not going out the boundaries

```
int a[10];
int i = 11;
if (i >= 0 && i < 10) a[i] = ...; //boundaries checking
```

Array Mapping Functions

- Today's PCs are byte-addressable
- Let
 - \blacksquare i = row index
 - = j = column index
 - cols = number of columns in a row
 - esize = size of an element (no. of bytes)
 e.g. 4 for integer
- address of b[i] = base(b) + i * esize
 - base(b) = address of b[0]
- address of a[i][j] = base(a) + (i * cols + j) * esize
 - \blacksquare base(a) = address of a[0][0]

Treat Array as Pointer

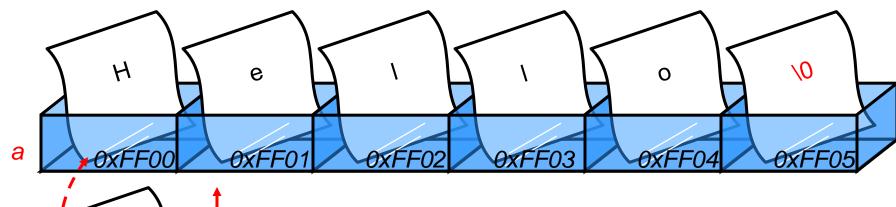
■ The 2 implementations are equivalent:

```
int sum1(int a[], int n) {
  int t = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
     t += a[i];
   return t;
int sum2(int *a, int n) {
  int t = 0;
  for (int i = 0; i < n; i++)
     t += *(a+i);
   return t;
```

Because esize is implied by the data type, the arithmetic operation of pointer implicitly takes esize into account.

So, (a+i) = physical address of a+i*esize

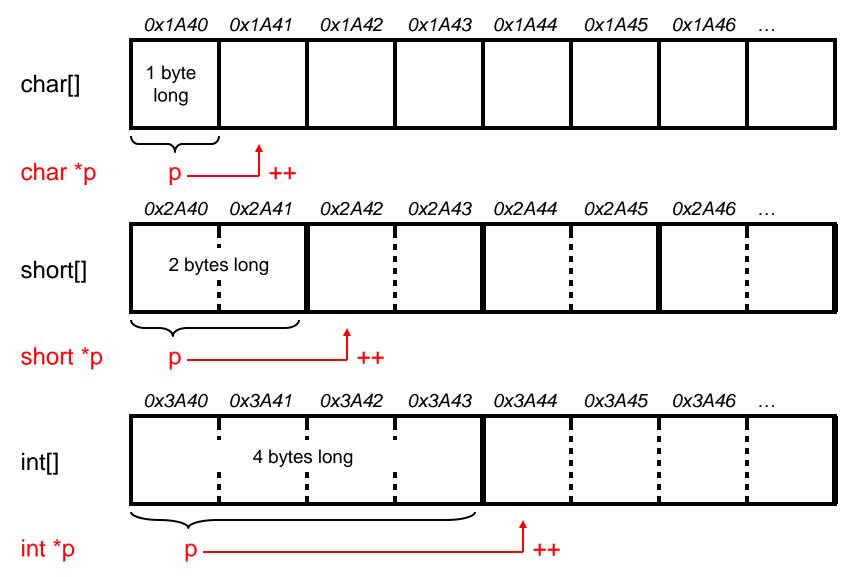
```
char a[] = "Hello";
char *p;
p = a;
```



```
short a[] = \{5, 3, 6\};
short *p;
p = a;
100000000
                        100000000
                                                             1000001101
            100000101,
                                    100000011
                                                 100000000
0xFF00
                                                                      57
                                   Note: short integers are 2-byte long
```

```
int a[] = \{5, 3, 6\};
int *p;
p = a;
100000000
            100000000
                        100000000
                                                100000000
                                                            100000000
                                    100000101
0xFF00
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                                     Note: integers are 4-byte long
```



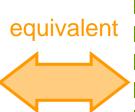


Composite Structures

Typedef

■ To rename a type to a new name

```
int func(int x) {
  return x*x;
int main(...) {
  int a, b;
  a = 1;
  b = func(a);
```



```
typedef int NUM;
NUM func(NUM x) {
  return x*x;
int main(...) {
  NUM a, b;
  a = 1;
  b = func(a);
```

■ To define a composite structure

```
struct name{
    data_type1 name1;
    data_type2 name2;
    ...
};
```

■ To refer to this structure, use

```
struct name
```

■ To rename a defined structure

```
struct name{
    data_type1 name1;
    data_type2 name2;
    ...
};
typedef struct name newname;
```

■ To refer to this structure, use either

```
struct name
newname
```

■ To rename a defined structure (shorter version)

```
typedef struct name{
    data_type1 name1;
    data_type2 name2;
    ...
} newname;
```

■ To refer to this structure, use either

```
struct name
newname
```

■ To rename a defined structure (anonymous version)

```
typedef struct{
   data_type1 name1;
   data_type2 name2;
   ...
} newname;
```

■ To refer to this structure, only can use

newname

■ To define a pointer to structure

```
struct name{
  data_type1 name1;
  data_type2 name2;
typedef struct name *namePtr;
                                          This is a pointer of
namePtr p;
                                            "struct name"
```

```
orange
typedef struct product{
  int weight;
                                                              3.5
  float price;
} Product;
                                              apple
```

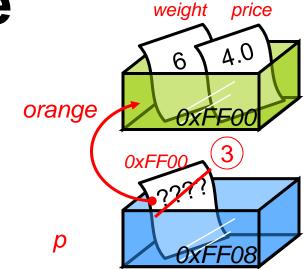
```
int main(...) {
 1) Product orange = \{6, 4.0\};
                                        A structure can be initialized by
   Product apple;
                                        using {}
  apple.weight = 5; —
                                        Or use the . (dot) operator to
(2) apple.price = 3.5;
                                        access the member of a
   printf("%d\n", apple.weight);
                                        structure
```

weight

price

Pointer to Structure

```
typedef struct product{
   int weight;
   float price;
} Product;
```



```
int main(...) {
    1 Product orange = {6, 4.0};
    2 Product *p;
    3 p = &orange;
    printf("%d\n", p->weight);
    ...
}
```

Use the arrow -> operator to access the member of pointer to structure

Parameter Passing in Functions

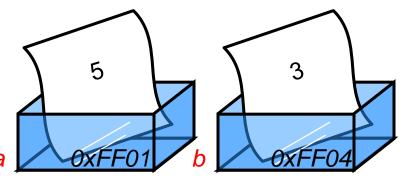
Parameter Passing in Functions

- Pass by value
 - Involve copying the value of parameters
- Pass by pointer
 - Just pass the address of the parameters, without copying the value of them
 - Usually used in passing large-size data structures, e.g. arrays, structures, objects, lists, etc
- Pass by reference
 - C++ reference is a syntactic sugar to C pointer
 - Similar to pass-by-pointer but without the hassles of pointers' (&)reference/ (*)dereference syntax
 - You can specify a formal parameter in the function signature as a reference parameter

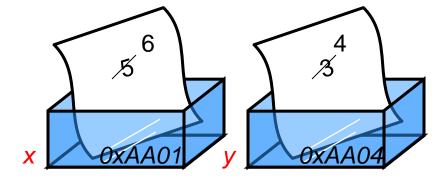
Pass by Value

```
void plus_one(int x, int y) {
    x++; y++;
}
```

```
int a = 5, b = 3;
plus_one(a, b);
```

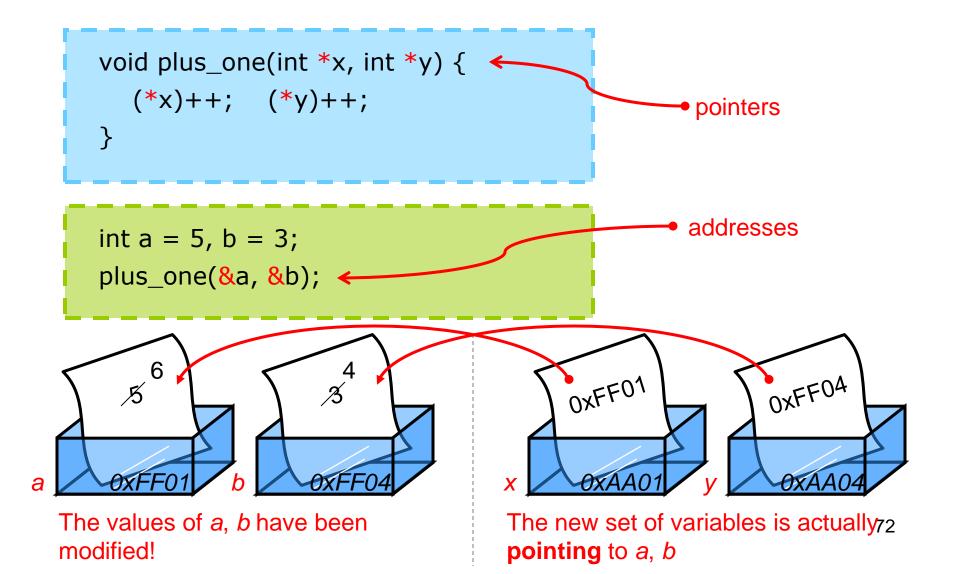


The values of *a*, *b* have not been modified



A new set of variables is **duplicated** in function *plus_one*

Pass by Pointer



Pass by Reference

```
void plus_one(int &x, int &y) {
      X++; y++;
                                                reference parameters
   int a = 5, b = 3;
   plus_one(a, b);
    6
5
                                                            0xFF04
                                           0xFF01
The values of a, b have been
                                      The new set of variables is actually 3
                                      referencing to a, b
modified!
```

C++ Reference Example

```
int i = 2;
//an initial value must be provided in the declaration of r
int &r = i; //r is a reference to an integer
int *p = &i; //p is a pointer to an integer
printf("%d %d %d \n", i, r, p, *p);
// output: 2 2 001AF9C0 2
r = 4;
printf("%d %d\n", i, r);
// output: 4 4
```

Reference vs. Pointer

- References cannot be uninitialized. Because it is impossible to reinitialize a reference, they must be initialized as soon as they are created.
- A pointer can be re-assigned any number of times while a reference cannot be re-seated after binding.
- Pointers can point nowhere (NULL), whereas reference always refers to an object.
- You cannot take the address of a reference like what you can do with pointers. Any occurrence of its name refers directly to the object it references.
- There is no reference arithmetic but you can take the address of an object pointed by a reference and do pointer arithmetic on it.

Standard Input / Output

cin & cout

- Default input/output stream objects
- A stream is a sequence of bytes (characters) that can be read from or written to
 - cin is a stream on the keyboard input
 - cout is a stream on the screen output
- The extractor (>>) / insertor (<<) is used to read/write from/to the input/output stream

Standard Output

```
#include <cstdio>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int x = 1;
float y = 2.5;
char z = a';
char w[80] = "xxxxxx";
printf("%d %f %c %s\n", x, y, z, w);
std::cout << x;</pre>
cout << endl;
cout << y << " " << z << " " << w;
```

How to output the values to standard output (screen)?

Use printf() in <cstdio>:

■ integer: %d float: %f character: %c string: %s

Use cout in <iostream>:

- cout is defined in the std namespace
- Use insertion operator to insert values to output stream.
- Multiple insertions can be chained.
- Use endl to set a new line.

Standard Input

```
#include <cstdio>
#include <iostream>
using namespace std;
int x;
float y;
char z;
char w[80];
cin >> x;
scanf("%f", &y);
cin >> z;
scanf("%s", w);
```

How to read the values from standard input (console)?

Use scanf() in <cstdio>:

integer: %d float: %f character: %c string: %s

Use cin in <iostream>:

- cin is defined in the std namespace
- Use extraction operator to extract values from input stream.

scanf()

- scanf can only read a "word", but not a sentence. It stops reading if meets whitespace characters.
- What are whitespace characters?
 - Blank space: ' '
 - Newline: '\r' '\n'
 - Tab: '\t'
- Visual Studio compiler will tell you the function scanf is not safe.
 - Add this code to the <u>beginning</u> of your program to suppress this MS secure warning

```
#ifdef _MSC_VER
#define _CRT_SECURE_NO_WARNINGS
#endif
```

scanf() Examples

scanf() will stop reading when it meets enter, space or tab (whitespace)

```
scanf("%s", w);

printf("##%s##\n", w);

##abc##
```

The newline character has been ignored by scanf()

```
scanf("%s", w);

printf("##%s##\n", w);

##abc##
```

The space and following characters have been ignored by scanf()

More on Input

- When looking for the input value in the stream, the >> operator skips any leading whitespace characters and stops reading at the first character that is inappropriate for the data type (whitespace or otherwise).
- If an inappropriate character is read, the cin stream enters a fail state and the rest of the statements in our program that read from cin are ignored.
- You can use the get() function to input the very next character in the input stream without skipping any whitespace characters:

```
char someChar;
cin.get(someChar);
```

The ignore() function is used to skip characters in the input stream:

```
cin.ignore(200, \n');
```

The first parameter is an int expression; the second, a char value. This skips the next 200 characters or until a newline character is read, whichever comes first

Output Manipulators

Manipulators change the output format of your data. To use them, you will need to include this header in your C++ source code.

```
#include <iomanip>
```

setw() sets the width of the field to be printed to the screen

```
■ cout << 5 << setw(4) << 6 << 7; // output:5 67
```

setprecision() sets the decimal precision to be used to format floating-point values:

To specify the number of digits <u>after the decimal point:</u>

```
cout << setiosflags(ios::fixed);
cout << setprecision(2) << 12.1234;  // 12.12</pre>
```

To put it back to its original specification:

```
cout << setiosflags(ios::scientific);</pre>
```

File Input/Output

- In a similar way C++ provides streams which can manipulate files
- C++ provides 2 file streams

```
ifstream input file streamofstream output file stream
```

Must #include <fstream> to use them

Example:

```
#include <fstream>
int number;
ifstream in("in.dat");
ofstream out("out.dat");
in >> number;
out << number;</pre>
```

Input File Streams (ifstream)

- Allows data to be read from a file
- An input file stream can be defined as follows:

```
ifstream stream_var(filename);
Example:
   ifstream inFile("test.dat");
```

- If stream opened successfully, inFile evaluates to positive and the stream becomes attached to the file test.data
- If stream open failed (e.g. file does not exist) inFile evaluates to zero
- Important: Effects of reading data from file which has failed to open is undefined

Input File Streams (ifstream)

When file opened successfully, data can be read using normal extractor functions

```
int n;
char c;
ifstream inFile("test.dat");
inFile >> n;
inFile.get(c);
inFile.ignore(100, 'A');
inFile.close();
```

Note: When a file stream goes out of scope it will automatically close the file it is attached to

File Input Failure/End

■ To check if the file has been opened or not, you can use:

```
if (inFile) // testing if the file opened successfully
{ ... }
```

To test for end of file, you can use:

```
while (!inFile.eof())
{ ... }
```

For instance:

```
int number;
inFile >> number; // reading number from a file
while (!inFile.eof())
{
    cout << number; // print number on screen
    inFile >> number;
}
```

Output File Stream (ofstream)

Allows data to be written to a file

An output file stream can be defined as follows:

```
ofstream stream_var(filename);
```

Example:

```
ofstream outFile("temp.data");
```

- If stream opened successfully, outFile evaluates to positive and the stream becomes attached to the file temp.data
- If stream open failed (e.g. no disk space) outFile evaluates to zero

Note:

- If the file already exists its contents will be deleted
- If the file does not exist, a file with the same name is created
- Data can be appended to a file by using constructor with two arguments

```
ofstream outFile("temp.data", ios::app);
```

Example on How to Write to a File

```
#include <iostream>
#include <fstream>
#include <iomanip>
using namespace std;
int main ()
                                         // Declaring variables
   float first, second, sum;
   ofstream outFile("out.dat");
                                             // Opening file for output
   cout << "Enter two numbers" << endl;</pre>
   cin >> first >> second;
                                             // Reading in the two numbers
   sum = first + second;
   outFile << setiosflags(ios::fixed);</pre>
                                             // Formatting the output
   outFile << setprecision(2);</pre>
   outFile << sum << endl;
                                             // Writing into the file
   return 0;
```

Pseudo Code

- We need a language to express program development
 - English is too verbose and imprecise.
 - The target language, e.g. C/C++, requires too much details.
- Pseudo code resembles the target language in that
 - it is a sequence of steps (each step is precise and unambiguous)
 - it has similar control structure of C/C++
- Pseudo code is a kind of structured English for describing algorithms. It allows the designer to focus on the logic of the algorithm without being distracted by details of language syntax.

```
x = max{a, b, c}
x = a;
if (b > x) x = b;
if (c > x) x = c;
```

Pseudo code

C++ code

Pseudo Code Example

An m×n matrix is said to have a saddle point if some entry A[i][j] is the smallest value on row i and the largest value in column j.

An 6×8 matrix with a saddle point 11 33 55 16 77 99 10 40 29 87 65 20 45 60 90 76 50 53 78 44 60 88 77 81 46 72 71 23 88 26 15 21

65 83 23 36 49 57 32 14

70 22 34 19 54 37 26 93

- Problem:
- Given an *m*×*n* matrix, determine if there exists one or more saddle points.

Pseudo Code Solutions

```
// high-level pseudo code solution
for each row {
   j = index of the smallest element on row i;
   if (A[i][j]) is the largest element in column j)
     A[i][j] is a saddle point;
// refined pseudo code
                        //for each row
for (i = 0; i < m; i++) {
  j = index of the smallest element on row i;
  for (k = 0; k < m; k++) //for each element in column j
     if there does not exist A[k][j] > A[i][j]
        A[i][j] is a saddle point;
```

Suggestions for Good Style

- Use informative and meaningful variable names
- Insert useful comments (i.e. assertions) in the source program
- Format the source file with proper indentation of statements and align the braces so that the control structures can be read easily
- Do not use goto statement, especially backward jump
- Use single-entry single-exit control blocks, or at most one break statement inside a loop
- Avoid ambiguous statements e.g. x[i] = i++;
- Minimize direct accesses to global variables, especially you should avoid modifying the values of global variables in a function
- Always make a planning of the program organization and data structures before start writing program codes
- Should avoid using the trial-and-error approach without proper understanding of the problem to be solved
- Avoid side effects (see example in next page)

Side Effect

In computer science, a function or expression is said to have a side effect if, in addition to returning a value, it also modifies some state or has an observable interaction with calling functions or the outside world.

```
int x;
           //global variable
int f(int n) {
  x += 1; //side effect: modify the value of x which is not a formal parameter of function f()
  return n + x;
}
int g(int n) {
  x *= 2; //side effect
  return n * x;
}
void main() {
  int t;
  t = f(1) + g(2); // logically the same as t = g(2) + f(1) but the results will be totally different.
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```