

Week 01: Introduction - Elementary Data and Control Structures in C

COMP9024 17s2

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Data Structures and Algorithms



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Course Goals

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COMP9021 ...

- gets you thinking like a *programmer*
- solving problems by developing programs

- expressing your ideas in the language Python

COMP9024 ...

- gets you thinking like a *computer scientist*
- knowing fundamental data structures/algorithms
- able to reason about their applicability/effectiveness
- able to analyse the efficiency of programs
- able to code in C

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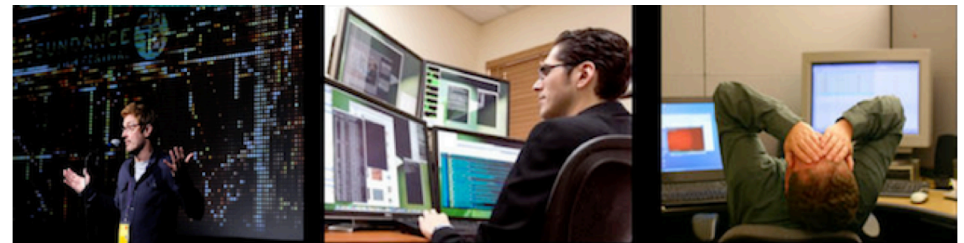


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Pre-conditions

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At the *start* of this course you should be able to:

- produce correct programs from a specification
- understand the state-based model of computation (variables, assignment, function parameters)

- use fundamental data structures (characters, numbers, strings, arrays, linked lists, binary trees)
- use fundamental control structures (if, while, for)
- fix simple bugs in incorrect programs

Post-conditions

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At the *end* of this course you should be able to:

- choose/develop effective data structures (DS)
- analyse performance characteristics of algorithms
- choose/develop algorithms (A) on these DS
- package a set of DS+A as an abstract data type
- develop and maintain C programs

COMP9024 Themes

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Major themes ...

1. Data structures, e.g. for graphs, trees
2. A variety of algorithms, e.g. on graphs, trees, strings
3. Analysis of algorithms

For data types: alternative data structures and implementation of operation

For algorithms: complexity analysis

Access to Course Material

All course information is placed on the course website:

- webcms3.cse.unsw.edu.au/COMP9024/17s2/

Slides/Problem Sets are publicly readable.

If you want to post/submit, you need to login.

Schedule

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Week	Lectures	Ch	Notes
01	Introduction, C language	M2-4,7-8	
02	Abstract data types (ADTs)	S4	first help lab
03	Dynamic data structures	M10	Assignment 1
04	Analysis of algorithms	S2	
05	<i>Break</i>		
06	Graph data structures	S17	due

07	Graph algorithms: graph search	S18	
08	Graph algorithms: spanning trees, minimal paths	S20-21	
09	Mid-term exam		Assignment 2
—	<i>Mid-semester break</i>		
10	Tree algorithms: balanced trees	S12-13	
11	Tree algorithms: splay-, AVL-, red-black trees	S13	
12	Text processing algorithms	S15	due
13	Randomised algorithms	—	last help lab

Credits for Material

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Always give credit when you use someone else's work.

Ideas for the COMP9024 material are drawn from

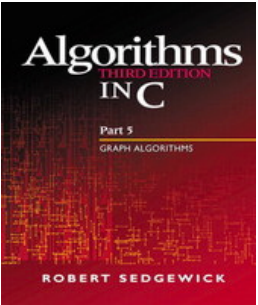
- slides by John Shepherd (COMP1927 16s2), Hui Wu (COMP9024 16s2) and Alan Blair (COMP1917 14s2)
- Robert Sedgewick's and Alistair Moffat's books

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- Algorithms in C, Parts 1-4, Robert Sedgewick
- Robert Sedgewick's and Alistair Moffat's books



Good books, useful beyond COMP9024 (but coding style ...)

... Resources

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Supplementary textbook:

- Alistair Moffat
Programming, Problem Solving, and Abstraction with C
Pearson Educational, Australia, Revised edition 2013, ISBN 978-1-48-601097-4



Also, numerous online C resources are available.

Lectures

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Lectures will:

- present theory
- demonstrate problem-solving methods
- give practical demonstrations

Lectures provide an alternative view to textbook

Lecture slides will be made available before lecture

Feel free to ask questions, but **No Idle Chatting**

Problem Sets

The weekly homework aims to:

- clarify any problems with lecture material
- work through exercises related to lecture topics
- give practice with algorithm design skills (*think before coding*)

Problem sets available on web at the time of the lecture

Sample solutions will be posted in the following week

Do them yourself! and **Don't fall behind!**

Assignments

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The assignments give you experience applying tools/techniques
(but to a larger programming problem than the homework)

The assignments will be carried out individually.

Both assignments will have a deadline at *11:59pm*.

15% penalty will be applied to the maximum mark for every 24 hours late after the deadline.

- 1 day late: mark is capped to 85% of the maximum possible mark
- 2 days late: mark is capped to 70% of the maximum possible mark
- 3 days late: mark is capped to 55% of the maximum possible mark
- ...

The two assignments contribute 10% + 15% to overall mark.

... Assignments

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Advice on doing the assignments:

They always take longer than you expect.

Don't leave them to the last minute.

Organising your time → no late penalty.

If you do leave them to the last minute:

- take the late penalty rather than copying

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Just Don't Do it

We get **very annoyed** by people who plagiarise.

Plagiarism will be checked for and **punished**.

Help Lab

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The *help lab*:

- aims to help you if you have difficulties with the weekly programming exercises
- ... and the assignments

- non-programming exercises from problem sets may also be discussed

Tuesdays (Week 2-13) from 2-4pm in *CSE Clavier Lab (LG20, Bldg K14)* (walk past Keith Burrows (J14) towards Old Main)

Attendance is entirely voluntary

Exams

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1-hour written mid-term exam in week 9 (*21 September*). Format:

- some multiple-choice questions
- some descriptive/analytical questions

2-hour written exam during the exam period. Format:

- some multiple-choice questions
- some descriptive/analytical questions

... Exams

How to pass the Exams:

- do the Homework *yourself*
- do the Homework *every week*
- do the Assignments *yourself*
- practise programming outside classes
- read the lecture notes
- read the corresponding chapters in the textbooks

Assessment Summary

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```
ass1 = mark for assignment 1    (out of 10)
ass2 = mark for assignment 2    (out of 15)
mid  = mark for mid-term exam  (out of 25)
final = mark for final exam     (out of 50)
```

```
if (mid+final >= 35)
    total = ass1 + ass2 + mid + final
else
    total = (mid+final) / 0.75;
```

To pass the course, you must achieve:

- at least **35/75** for mid+final
- at least **50/100** for total

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Summary

The goal is for you to become a better Computer Scientist

- more confident in your own ability to choose data structures
- more confident in your own ability to develop algorithms
- able to analyse and justify your choices
- producing a better end-product
- ultimately, enjoying the program design process

C Programming Language

Why C?

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- good example of an imperative language
- gives the programmer great control
- produces fast code
- many libraries and resources
- widely used in industry (and science)

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has a complex history

- designed for and implemented on UNIX on a PDP-11 computer
- the author of C (around 1971)
- ten in C
- (1970) was the predecessor to C, but there was no A

... Brief History of C

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- B was a typeless language
- C is a typed language
- In 1983, American National Standards Institute (ANSI) established a committee to clean up and standardise the language
- ANSI C standard published in 1988
 - this greatly improved source code portability
- C is the main language for writing operating systems and compilers; and is commonly used for a variety of applications

Basic Structure of a C Program

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```
// include files
// global definitions

// function definitions
function_type f(arguments) {
```

```

// local variables

// body of function

return ...;
}

:
.

```

```

// main function
int main(arguments) {

    // local variables

    // body of main function

    return 0;
}

```

```

#include <stdio.h>

#define SIZE 6

void insertionSort(int array[], int n) {
    int i;
    for (i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        int element = array[i];           // for this element ...
        int j = i-1;
        while (j >= 0 && array[j] > element) { // ... work down the ordered list
            array[j+1] = array[j];         // ... moving elements up
            j--;
        }
        array[j+1] = element;             // and insert in correct position
    }
}

int main(void) {
    int numbers[SIZE] = { 3, 6, 5, 2, 4, 1 };
    int i;

    insertionSort(numbers, SIZE);
    for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
        printf("%d\n", numbers[i]);
    return 0;
}

```

Exercise #1: What does this program compute?

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```

#include <stdio.h>

int f(int m, int n) {

    while (m != n) {
        if (m > n) {
            m = m-n;
        } else {
            n = n-m;
        }
    }
    return m;
}

```

```

int main(void) {

    printf("%d\n", f(30,18));
    return 0;
}

```

Example: Insertion Sort in C

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Reminder — Insertion Sort algorithm:

```

insertionSort(A):
|   Input array A[0..n-1] of n elements
|
|   for all i=1..n-1 do
|   |   element=A[i], j=i-1
|   |   while j≥0 ^ A[j]>element do
|   |   |   A[j+1]=A[j]
|   |   |   j=j-1
|   |   end while
|   |   A[j+1]=element
|   end for

```

... Example: Insertion Sort in C

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```

#                               de standard I/O library defs and functions

#                               eta symbolic constant
v                               y[], int n) { // function headers must provide types
                                   // each variable must have a type
                                   // for-loop syntax

    for (i = 1; i < n; i++) {
        int element = array[i];
        int j = i-1;
        while (j >= 0 && array[j] > element) { // logical AND
            array[j+1] = array[j];
            j--;                               // abbreviated assignment j=j-1
        }
        array[j+1] = element;                 // statements terminated by ;
    }                                         // code blocks enclosed in { }

int main(void) {
    int numbers[SIZE] = { 3, 6, 5, 2, 4, 1 }; // main: program starts here
                                           /* array declaration
                                           and initialisation */

    int i;
    insertionSort(numbers, SIZE);
    for (i = 0; i < SIZE; i++)
        printf("%d\n", numbers[i]);         // printf defined in <stdio>

    return 0;                               // return program status (here: no error) to environment
}

```

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Compiling with gcc

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C source code: `prog.c`



`a.out` (executable program)

To compile a program `prog.c`, you type the following:

```
prompt$ gcc prog.c
```

To run the program, type:

```
prompt$ ./a.out
```

... Compiling with gcc

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Command line options:

- The default with `gcc` is not to give you any warnings about potential problems
- Good practice is to be tough on yourself:

```
prompt$ gcc -Wall prog.c
```

which reports all warnings to anything it finds that is potentially wrong

- The `-o` option tells `gcc` to place the compiled object in the named file

```
prompt$ gcc -o prog prog.c
```

Algorithms in C

Basic Elements

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Algorithms are built using

- assignments
- conditionals
- loops
- function calls/return statements

Assignments

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- In C, each statement is terminated by a semicolon `;`
- Curly brackets `{ }` used to enclose statements in a block
- The operators `++` and `--` can be used to increment a variable (add 1) or decrement a variable (subtract 1)
 - It is recommended to put the increment or decrement operator after the variable:

```
// suppose k=6 initially
k++; // increment k by 1; afterwards, k=7
n = k--; // first assign k to n, then decrement k by 1
// afterwards, k=6 but n=7
```

- It is also possible (but NOT recommended) to put the operator before the variable:

```
// again, suppose k=6 initially
++k; // increment k by 1; afterwards, k=7
n = --k; // first decrement k by 1, then assign k to n
// afterwards, k=6 and n=6
```

... Assignments

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C assignment statements are really expressions

- they return a result: the value being assigned
- the return value is generally ignored

Frequently, assignment is used in loop continuation tests

- to combine the test with collecting the next value
- to make the expression of such loops more concise

Example: The pattern

```
}
}
while ((v = getNextItem()) != 0) {
    process(v);
}
```

Exercise #2: What are the final values of a and b?

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1.

```
a = 1; b = 7;
while (a < b) {
    a++;
    b--;
}
```
2.

```
a = 1; b = 5;
while ((a += 2) < b) {
    b--;
}
```

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1. ~~a == 3, b == 3~~ a == 4, b == 4
2. a == 5, b == 4

Conditionals

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```
if (expression) {  
    some statements;  
}
```

```
if (expression) {  
    some statements1;  
} else {  
    some statements2;  
}
```

- *some statements* executed if, and only if, the evaluation of *expression* is non-zero
- *some statements*₁ executed when the evaluation of *expression* is non-zero
- *some statements*₂ executed when the evaluation of *expression* is zero
- Statements can be single instructions or blocks enclosed in { }

... Conditionals

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Indentation is very important in promoting the readability of the code

Each logical block of code is indented:

```
// Style 1  
if (x)  
{  
    statements;  
}
```

```
// Style 2 (preferred)  
if (x) {  
    statements;  
}
```

```
// Preferred else-if style  
if (expression) {  
    statements1;  
} else if (exp2) {  
    statements2;  
} else if (exp3) {  
    statements3;  
} else {  
    statements4;  
}
```

... Conditionals

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Relational and logical operators

- | | |
|--------|---------------------------|
| a > b | a greater than b |
| a >= b | a greater than or equal b |
| a < b | a less than b |
| a <= b | a less than or equal b |

- | | |
|--------|------------------------|
| a == b | a equal to b |
| a != b | a not equal to b |
| a && b | a logical and b |
| a b | a logical or b |
| ! a | logical not a |

A relational or logical expression evaluates to **1** if true, and to **0** if false

Exercise #3: Conditionals

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1. What is the output of the following program?

```
if ((x > y) && !(y-x <= 0)) {  
    printf("Aye\n");  
} else {  
    printf("Nay\n");  
}
```

2. What is the resulting value of x after the following assignment?

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tifiable, hence the output will always be

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If x, one of the conditions will be true (==1) and the other false (==0) will be **x == 1**

Sidetrack: Printing Variable Values with printf()

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Formatted output written to standard output (e.g. screen)

```
printf(format-string, expr1, expr2, ...);
```

format-string can use the following placeholders:

- | | | | |
|----|-----------|----|----------------|
| %d | decimal | %f | fixed-point |
| %c | character | %s | string |
| \n | new line | \" | quotation mark |

Examples:

```
num = 3;  
printf("The cube of %d is %d.\n", num, num*num*num);
```

The cube of 3 is 27.

```
char id = 'z';
int num = 1234567;
printf("Your \"login ID\" will be in the form of %c%d.\n", id, num);
```

Your "login ID" will be in the form of z1234567.

- Can also use width and precision:

```
printf("%8.3f\n", 3.14159);
```

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Loops

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C has two different "while loop" constructs

```
// while loop
while (expression) {
    some statements;
}

// do .. while loop
do {
    some statements;
} while (expression);
```

The do .. while loop ensures the statements will be executed at least once

... Loops

The "for loop" in C

```
for (expr1; expr2; expr3) {
    some statements;
}
```

- **expr1** is evaluated before the loop starts
- **expr2** is evaluated at the beginning of each loop
 - if it is non-zero, the loop is repeated
- **expr3** is evaluated at the end of each loop

Example:

```
for (i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
    printf("%d %d\n", i, i * i);
}
```

Exercise #4: What is the output of this program?

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```
int i, j;
for (i = 8; i > 1; i /= 2) {
    for (j = i; j >= 1; j--) {
        printf("%d%d\n", i, j);
    }
    putchar( '\n' );
}
```

}

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Functions

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Functions have the form

```
return-type function-name(parameters) {
    declarations
```

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- **d** then the function does not return a value
if the function has no arguments

... Functions

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When a function is called:

1. memory is allocated for its parameters and local variables
2. the parameter expressions in the calling function are evaluated
3. C uses "call-by-value" parameter passing ...
 - the function works only on its own local copies of the parameters, not the ones in the calling function
4. local variables need to be assigned before they are used (otherwise they will have "garbage" values)
5. function code is executed, until the first **return** statement is reached

... Functions

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When a **return** statement is executed, the function terminates:

return *expression*;

1. the returned *expression* will be evaluated
2. all local variables and parameters will be thrown away when the function terminates

Example:

```
int factorial(int n) {
    if (n == 0) {
        return 1;
    } else {
        return n * factorial(n-1);
    }
}
```

The return statement can also be used to terminate a function of return-type `void`:

```
return;
```

C Style Guide

UNSW Computing provides a style guide for C programs:

C Coding Style Guide (<http://wiki.cse.unsw.edu.au/info/CoreCourses/StyleGuide>)

Not mandatory for COMP9024, but very useful guideline

- use proper layout, including indentation
- keep functions short and break into sub-functions as required
- use meaningful names (for variables, functions etc)

Sidetrack: Obfuscated Code

C has a reputation for allowing obscure code, leading to ...

The International Obfuscated C Code Contest

- Run each year since 1984
- Goal is to produce
 - a working C program
 - whose appearance is obscure
 - whose functionality unfathomable
- Web site: www.ioccc.org
- 100's of examples of bizarre C code
(understand these → you are a C master)

... Sidetrack: Obfuscated Code

Most artistic code (Eric Marshall, 1986)

```
extern int
    errno
    ;char
        grrr
```

```

;main(                                     r,
    argv, argc )                          int    argc
    r ;                                char *argv[];{int    P( );
#define x int i,                          j,cc[4];printf("    choo choo\n"    );
x ;if (P( ! i )                          | cc[ ! j ]
& P(j )>2 ? j                            ) {* argv[i++ +!-i]
;                                for (i= 0;; i++ )};
_exit(argv[argc- 2 / cc[1*argc]|-1<4 ] ) ;printf ("%d",P(""));}}
P( a ) char a ;{ a ; while( a > " B "
/ - by E ricM arsh all- *) ; }

```

... Sidetrack: Obfuscated Code

Just plain obscure (Ed Lycklama, 1985)

```
#define o define
#o __o write
#o ooo (unsigned)
#o o_o_ 1
#o _o_ char
#o _oo goto
#o _oo_ read
#o o_o_ or
#o o_ min
#o o_ if
#o oo_ 0
```

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Basic Data Types

- In C each variable must have a type
- C has the following generic data types:

char	character	'A', 'e', '#', ...
int	integer	2, 17, -5, ...
float	floating-point number	3.14159, ...
double	double precision floating-point	3.14159265358979, ...

There are other types, which are variations on these

- Variable declaration must specify a data type and a name; they can be initialised when they are declared:

```
float x;  
char  ch = 'A';  
int   j = i;
```

Symbolic Constants

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We can define a [symbolic constant](#) at the top of the file

```
#define SPEED_OF_LIGHT 299792458.0
```

Symbolic constants used to avoid burying "magic numbers" in the code

Symbolic constants make the code easier to understand and maintain

```
#define NAME replacement_text
```

- The compiler's pre-processor will replace all occurrences of `name` with `replacement_text`
- it will **not** make the replacement if `name` is inside quotes ("`...`") or part of another name

Example:

The constants **TRUE** and **FALSE** are often used when a condition with logical value is wanted. They can be defined by:

```
#define TRUE 1
#define FALSE 0
```

Basic Aggregate Data Types

Aggregate Data Types

Families of aggregate data types:

- homogenous ... all elements have same base type
 - arrays (e.g. `char s[50]`, `int v[100]`)
- heterogeneous ... elements may combine different base types
 - structures

Arrays

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An *array* is

- a collection of same-type variables
- arranged as a linear sequence
- accessed using an integer subscript
- for an array of size N , valid subscripts are $0..N-1$

Examples:

```
int a[20]; // array of 20 integer values/variables
char b[10]; // array of 10 character values/variables
```

... Arrays

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Larger example:

```
#define MAX 20
```

```
int i; // integer value used as index
int fact[MAX]; // array of 20 integer values
```

```
fact[0] = 1;
for (i = 1; i < MAX; i++) {
    fact[i] = i * fact[i-1];
}
```

Strings

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"String" is a special word for an array of characters

- end-of-string is denoted by `'\0'` (of type `char` and always implemented as 0)

Example

If a character array `s[11]` contains the string "hello", this is how it would look in memory:

```
3   9   10
h   e   l   l   o   \0
-----
```

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Arrays can be initialised by code, or you can specify an initial set of values in declaration.

Examples:

```
char s[6] = {'h', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0'};
```

```
char t[6] = "hello";
```

```
int fib[20] = {1, 1};
```

```
int vec[] = {5, 4, 3, 2, 1};
```

In the third case, `fib[0] == fib[1] == 1` while the initial values `fib[2] .. fib[19]` are undefined.

In the last case, C infers the array length (as if we declared `vec[5]`).

Exercise #5: What is the output of this program?

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```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2
3  int main(void) {
4      int arr[3] = {10,10,10};
5      char str[] = "Art";
6      int i;
7
8      for (i = 1; i < 3; i++) {
9          arr[i] = arr[i-1] + arr[i] + 1;
10         str[i] = str[i+1];
11     }
12     printf("Array[2] = %d\n", arr[2]);
13     printf("String = \"%s\"\n", str);
14     return 0;
15 }

```

```

Array[2] = 32
String = "At"

```

Arrays and Functions

When an array is passed as a parameter to a function

- the address of the start of the array is actually passed

Example:

```

int total, vec[20];
...
total = sum(vec);

```

Within the function ...

- the types of elements in the array are known
- the size of the array is unknown

... Arrays and Functions

Since functions do not know how large an array is:

- pass in the size of the array as an extra parameter, or
- include a "termination value" to mark the end of the array

So, the previous example would be more likely done as:

```

int total, vec[20];
...
total = sum(vec,20);

```

Also, since the function doesn't know the array size, it can't check whether we've written an invalid subscript (e.g. in the above example 100 or 20).

Exercise #6: Arrays and Functions

Implement a function that sums up all elements in an array.

Use the *prototype*

```
int sum(int[], int)
```

```

int sum(int vec[], int dim) {
    int i, total = 0;

    for (i = 0; i < dim; i++) {
        total += vec[i];
    }
    return total;
}

```

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Multi-dimensional Arrays

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Note: `q[0][1]==2.7` `r[1][3]==8` `q[1]=={3.1,0.1}`

Multi-dimensional arrays can also be initialised:

```

float q[][] = {
    { 0.5, 2.7 },
    { 3.1, 0.1 }
};

```

... Multi-dimensional Arrays

Storage representation of multi-dimensional arrays:

```
int x[3][4];
```

5	10	-2	4
0	2	4	8
21	2	1	42

x[0][0]	5
x[0][1]	10
x[0][2]	-2
x[0][3]	4
x[1][0]	0
x[1][1]	2

x[1][2]	4
x[1][3]	8
x[2][0]	21
x[2][1]	2
x[2][2]	1
x[2][3]	42

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Iteration can be done row-by-row or column-by-column:

```
int m[NROWS][NCOLS];
int row, col;

//row-by-row
for (row = 0; row < NROWS; row++) {
    for (col = 0; col < NCOLS; col++) {
        ... m[row][col] ...
    }
}
// column-by-column
for (col = 0; col < NCOLS; col++) {
    for (row = 0; row < NROWS; row++) {
        ... m[row][col] ...
    }
}
```

Row-by-row is the most common style of iteration.

Defining New Data Types

C allows us to define new data type (names) via `typedef`:

```
typedef ExistingDataType NewTypeName;
```

Examples:

```
typedef float Temperature;
```

```
typedef int Matrix[20][20];
```

We will frequently use `Bool` whenever we want to stress the fact that we are interested in the logical rather than the numeric value of an expression:

```
typedef int Bool;
```

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Reasons to use `typedef`:

- give meaningful names to value types (documentation)
 - is a given number Temperature, Dollars, Volts, ...?
- allow for easy changes to underlying type

```
typedef float Real;
Real complex_calculation(Real a, Real b) {
    Real c = log(a+b); ... return c;
}
```

- "package up" complex type definitions for easy re-use
 - many examples to follow; `Matrix` is a simple example

Structures

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A *structure*

- is a collection of variables, perhaps of different types, grouped together under a single name
- helps to organise complicated data into manageable entities
- exposes the connection between data within an entity
- is defined using the `struct` keyword

(example)

```
}; // don't forget the semicolon!
```

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Defining a structure itself does not allocate any memory

We need to declare a variable in order to allocate memory

```
struct date christmas;
```

The components of the structure can be accessed using the "dot" operator

```
christmas.day    = 25;
christmas.month  = 12;
christmas.year   = 2015;
```

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A structure can be passed as a parameter to a function:

```
void print_date(struct date d) {
```

```
    printf("%d-%d-%d\n", d.day, d.month, d.year);
```

```
}

int is_leap_year(struct date d) {

    return ( ((d.year%4 == 0) && (d.year%100 != 0))
            || (d.year%400 == 0) );
}
```

One structure can be *nested* inside another:

```
struct date { int day, month, year; };

struct time { int hour, minute; };

struct speeding {
    char    plate[7];
    double  speed;
    struct date d;
    struct time t;
};
```

Possible memory layout produced for TicketT object:

D S A 4 2 X \0	7 bytes + 1 padding
68.4	8 bytes
27 7 2017	12 bytes
20 45	8 bytes

Note: padding is needed to ensure that plate lies on a 4-byte boundary.

Don't normally care about internal layout, since fields are accessed by name.

typedef and struct

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We can also define a *structured data type* TicketT for speeding ticket objects:

```
typedef struct {
    int day, month, year;
} DateT;
```

```
typedef struct {
    int hour, minute;
} TimeT;

typedef struct {
    char    plate[7];    // e.g. "DSA42X"
    double  speed;
    DateT   d;
    TimeT   t;
} TicketT;
```

Note: structures can be defined in two different styles:

```
struct date { int day, month, year; };
// which would be used as
struct date somedate;

// or
typedef struct { int day, month, year; } DateT;
// which would be used as
DateT anotherdate;
```

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With the above TicketT type, we declare and use variables as ...

```
#define NUM_TICKETS 1500

typedef struct {...} TicketT;

TicketT tickets[NUM_TICKETS]; // array of structs

// Print all speeding tickets in a readable format
for (i = 0; i < NUM_TICKETS; i++) {
    printf("%s %6.3f %d-%d-%d at %d:%d\n", tickets[i].plate,
        tickets[i].speed,
        tickets[i].d.day,
        tickets[i].d.month,
        tickets[i].d.year,
        tickets[i].t.hour,
        tickets[i].t.minute);
}
```

- Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures
- C programming language, compiling with `gcc`
 - Basic data types (`char`, `int`, `float`)
 - Basic programming constructs (`if ... else` conditionals, `while` loops, `for` loops)
 - Basic data structures (atomic data types, arrays, structures)
- Suggested reading (Moffat):
 - introduction to C ... Ch.1; Ch.2.1-2.3, 2.5-2.6;
 - conditionals and loops ... Ch.3.1-3.3; Ch.4.1-4.4
 - arrays ... Ch.7.1,7.5-7.6
 - structures ... Ch.8.1

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