

CS2211b

Software Tools and Systems Programming



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Week 9b
Functions

Announcements

Assignment 3 due date extended

- March 17th

Group quiz next week

- Could be Tuesday or Thursday

Week of March 19th (Week 11)

- No class (on Tuesday or Thursday) or office hours
- Will still have labs
- Will still have TA office hours
- There will be an assigned reading and an at home activity

Functions

Calling & Using Functions

We have already seen and been using a number of functions:

<code>scanf</code>	<code>getchar</code>	<code>time</code>	<code>srand</code>
<code>printf</code>	<code>putchar</code>	<code>rand</code>	

We call functions by using the function name, followed by a list of arguments inside of parentheses (round brackets):

```
function_name(arg1, arg2, ..., argN);
```

Calling & Using Functions

Simple Examples:

```
putchar( 'K' );
```

```
char c = getchar();
```

```
getchar();
```

```
printf("%d", getchar());
```

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```

```
getchar();
```

```
printf("%d", getchar());
```

Call putchar function with argument 'K'.

Result of the statement (the return of the function) is ignored (nothing is done with it).

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```

```
char c = getchar();
```

```
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```

```
printf("%d", getchar());
```

Call getchar function with no arguments (functions are not required to have parameters).

Result of the statement (the return of the function) is stored in the variable c.

Calling & Using Functions

Simple Examples:

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putchar( 'K' );
```

```
char c = getchar();
```

```
getchar();
```

```
printf("%d", getchar());
```

Also calls `getchar` but this time the result of the statement is ignored.

The character `getchar` returns is thrown away (not stored anywhere).

Calling & Using Functions

Simple Examples:

```
putchar( 'K' );
```

```
char c = getchar();
```

```
getchar();
```

```
printf("%c", getchar()+1);
```

In most cases, functions can be called in expressions.

In this case, the value returned from `getchar` is incremented by one and sent to `printf` to be printed as a character.

For example, if the user input 'a', 'b' would be printed.

Calling & Using Functions

Bad Example:

```
getchar;
```

```
int x = rand;
```

Need to use parentheses () even if the function takes no parameters.

These will compile but likely not do what you want (pointer to function and not call function).

Parameters vs. Arguments

Arguments are the values/data sent to the function. For example, in the function call `putchar('X');` the value 'X' is the argument.

Parameters are a type of variable that describes the input the function takes. For example, the definition (prototype) of `putchar` is:

```
int putchar(int character);
```

`putchar` takes a single integer parameter, the character that will be printed to the screen.

Some Useful Functions

stdlib.h

Function	Description	Example(s)
<code>void exit(int status)</code>	Exit the program with the given exit status. Can be used with the <code>EXIT_FAILURE</code> and <code>EXIT_SUCCESS</code> constants from <code>stdlib.h</code>	<code>exit(0);</code> <code>exit(1);</code> <code>exit(EXIT_SUCCESS);</code> <code>exit(EXIT_FAILURE);</code>
<code>int abs(int x)</code>	Returns the absolute value of x.	<code>abs(-5);</code> <code>// 5</code> <code>abs(5);</code> <code>// 5</code>
<code>long labs(long x)</code>	Same as <code>abs</code> but for longs.	<code>labs(-101);</code> <code>// 101</code>
<code>int rand(void)</code>	Returns a pseudo random number between 0 and <code>RAND_MAX</code> (a constant from <code>stdlib.h</code>).	<code>rand();</code>
<code>void srand(unsinged int seed)</code>	Sets the seed to be used by <code>rand</code> to create random numbers.	<code>srand(10);</code> <code>srand(time(NULL));</code>

Some Useful Functions

math.h

Function	Description
<code>double pow(double x, double y)</code>	Returns x raised to the power of y (i.e. x^y).
<code>double sqrt(double x)</code>	Returns the square root of x (i.e. \sqrt{x}).
<code>double ceil(double x)</code>	Returns the ceiling of x (rounded up). E.g. 5.1 would become 6.
<code>double floor(double x)</code>	Returns the floor of x (rounded down). E.g. 5.9 would become 4.
<code>double fabs(double x)</code>	Absolute value of x but for floating point types. E.g. -5.123 would become 5.123.
<code>double log(double x)</code>	Returns the natural logarithm (base-e logarithm) of x.
<code>double log10(double x)</code>	Returns the common logarithm (base-10 logarithm) of x.
<code>double fmod(double x, double y)</code>	Returns the remainder of x / y. Like the modulus operator (%) but for floating point types.
<code>sin, cos, tan, acos, asin, atan, etc.</code>	math.h contains trigonometry functions for sin, cos, tan, etc.

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Using math.h with gcc

- Most standard C libraries such as `stdio.h`, `stdlib.h` and `time.h` are automatically linked for you by gcc.
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- **Example:** `/cs2211/week9/mathex.c`

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

int main() {
    double a = 5;
    printf("%f\n", sqrt(a));
    return 0;
}
```

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}
```

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ gcc mathex.c
/tmp/cc52sTM9.o: In function `main':
mathex.c:(.text+0x24): undefined
reference to `sqrt'
collect2: error: ld returned 1 exit
status
```


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```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ gcc -lm mathex.c
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ a.out
2.236068
```

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- **Have to use `-lm` option when compiling code with `math.h`. This tells gcc to link in the math library.**

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}
```



```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ gcc -lm mathex.c
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ a.out
2.236068
```

Creating Your Own Functions

- We have actually already been creating a function this whole time, the `main` function.
- The `main` function we have been creating with each C program is a function that takes no arguments (this will change later) and returns an integer value (the exit status).
- We can create other functions in a similar way following this general syntax:

```
return_type func_name(param1, ..., paramN) {  
    declarations  
    statements  
}
```

Creating Your Own Functions

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    declarations  
    statements  
}
```

return_type: The data type that the function will return (e.g. int, float, double, etc). If the function has no return we use the type void.

func_name: The name of the function. We will use this to call the function in our code.

params: Zero or more parameters the function will take. These are data type and parameter name pairs (e.g. int x or float f).

declarations: Variable declaration statements. In C89 these have to come before normal statements.

statements: All other statements the function will contain. This is the code that will be run when we call our function. In C89 these can not contain variable declarations.

Creating Your Own Functions

Recall that the course server does not use C89 by default but GNU89 which is a bit different. In GNU89 (C89 + GNU extension) you can mix variable declarations with statements.

We don't have to worry about this unless we use the -pedantic option (forces stricter compliance with C standards).

If the function has no return we use the type void.

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Creating Your Own Functions

Returning a Value

- Just as we use the **return** statement to return an exit status from our `main` function, we can use the **return** statement to return a value from a function.
- The type of the value returned should match the **return_type** of the function.
- If the **return_type** is `void`, then no return is required.
- Failing to return a value when a **return_type** is nonvoid will result in **undefined behaviour**.
- The **return** statement causes the function to exit at that point. Just like it does in the `main` function.
- **Syntax:**

return **expression**;

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- If the **return_type** is void, then no return is required.
- Failing to return a value when a **return_type** is nonvoid will result in **undefined behavior**.
- The **return** statement can be used to return a value. Just like it does in the main function, the **expression** is optional if the **return_type** is void. In this case, it would simply exit the function without returning a value.
- **Syntax:**

```
return expression;
```

Simple Examples

```
int max(int x, int y) {  
    if(x > y) {  
        return x;  
    } else {  
        return y;  
    }  
}  
  
double avg(double n1, double n2, double n3) {  
    return (n1 + n2 + n3) / 3;  
}  
  
int getRandomNumber() {  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

```
void count_down(int n) {  
    int i;  
    for(i = n; i >= 0; i--)  
        printf("%d\n", i);  
}
```


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int max(int x, int y) {  
    if(x > y) {  
        return x;  
    } else {  
        return y;  
    }  
}
```

We are allowed to have multiple returns in one function.

```
double  
  
}
```

Defines a function named max that takes two integer arguments and returns an integer value.

Returns the largest of integer.

```
int getRandomNumber() {  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

```
void count_down(int n) {  
    int i;  
    for(i = n; i >= 0; i--)  
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}
```

Simple Examples

```
int max(int x, int y) {
```

No return is needed if
return type is void.

```
    if(x > y) {  
        return x;  
    }  
    return y;  
}
```

```
void count_down(int n) {
```

```
    int i;  
    for(i = n; i >= 0; i--)  
        printf("%d\n", i);  
}
```

```
double
```

```
}
```

Defines a function named `count_down` with a single integer parameter and does not return any value (void return).

Prints the numbers `n` to 0.

```
int getRandomNumber() {
```

```
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.
```

```
}
```

Simple Examples

```
int main (int argc, char *argv[]) {
```

Defines a function named avg that takes three double arguments and returns a double value.

Finds the average of three numbers.

```
}  
  
double avg(double n1, double n2, double n3) {  
    return (n1 + n2 + n3) / 3;  
}
```

```
int getRandomNumber() {  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

Simple Examples

```
int max(int x, int y) {
```

```
void count_down(int n) {
```

Defines a function named getRandomNumber that takes no arguments and always returns the value 4.

Could also use void keyword to state that function takes no arguments:

```
int getRandomNumber(void) {  
    ...  
}
```

```
int getRandomNumber() {  
    return 4; // chosen by fair dice roll.  
             // guaranteed to be random.  
}
```

Factorial Example

/cs2211/week9/ex6.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

long long factorial(int n) {
    long long fact = 1;
    int i;

    for(i = 2; i <= n; i++)
        fact *= i;

    return fact;
}

int main() {
    long long x;
    int y;

    printf("Input number: ");
    scanf("%d", &y);

    x = factorial(y);
    printf("%d! = %lld\n", y, x);

    return 0;
}
```

The factorial of **n** is the product of all positive integers less than or equal to **n**.

That is $n! = 1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n$

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        fact *= i;  
  
    return fact;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    long long x;  
    int y;  
  
    printf("Input number: ");  
    scanf("%d", &y);  
  
    x = factorial(y);  
    printf("%d! = %lld\n", y, x);  
  
    return 0;  
}
```

factorial function takes a single integer argument and returns a value of type long long.

Factorial Example

/cs2211/week9/ex6.c

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    return fact;
}

int main() {
    long long x;
    int y;

    printf("Input number: ");
    scanf("%d", &y);

    x = factorial(y);
    printf("%d! = %lld\n", y, x);

    return 0;
}
```

Calculates the factorial using a for loop.

Factorial Example

/cs2211/week9/ex6.c

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    return fact;
}

int main() {
    long long x;
    int y;

    printf("Input number: ");
    scanf("%d", &y);

    x = factorial(y);
    printf("%d! = %lld\n", y, x);

    return 0;
}
```

Returns the value of the variable fact.

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    int y;

    printf("Input number: ");
    scanf("%d", &y);

    x = factorial(y);
    printf("%d! = %lld\n", y, x);

    return 0;
}
```

Calls the function `factorial` with `y` as an argument.

The value returned is stored in the variable `x`.

Factorial Example

/cs2211/week9/ex6.c

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    printf("Input number: ");
    scanf("%d", &y);

    x = factorial(y);
    printf("%d! = %lld\n", y, x);

    return 0;
}
```

Example Input/Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ ex6
Input number: 8
8! = 40320
```

Nested Function Calls

- Functions are allowed to call other functions.
- **Examples:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
float c(float z) {
    return z * z;
}

float b(float y) {
    return c(y);
}

float a(float x) {
    return b(x);
}

int main() {
    printf("%d\n", a(2.0));
}
```


What is the output?

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}
```



The order of these functions matters, if we switched function b and a around we would get an error.

Nested Function Calls

- Functions are...

- **Examples:**

```
#include <stdio.h>
float c(float z) {
    return z * z;
}
```

```
float a(float x) {
    return b(x);
}
```

```
float b(float y) {
    return c(y);
}
```

```
int main() {
    printf("%d\n", a(2.0));
}
```

error: conflicting types for 'b'

```
float b(float y) {
    ^
```

note: previous implicit declaration of 'b' was here

```
    return b(x);
    ^
```

Trying to call function b before it is declared.

Function Prototypes

- One solution is to **prototype** the function before declaring it.
- Tells the compiler that you will be declaring this function later on and what parameters and return type to expect.
- It is generally good practice to **prototype** your functions.
- **Syntax:**

```
return_type func_name(param1, ..., paramN);
```

Looks similar to a normal function declaration but does not contain the body of the function and is ended by a semicolon.



Function Prototypes

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

float a(float x);
float c(float z);
float b(float y);

int main() {
    printf("%f\n", a(2.0));
}

float c(float z) {
    return z * z;
}

float a(float x) {
    return b(x);
}

float b(float y) {
    return c(y);
}
```

Function Prototypes

Example:

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

```
float a(float x);
```

```
float c(float z);
```

```
float b(float y);
```

```
int main() {  
    printf("%f\n", a(2.0));  
}
```

```
float c(float z) {  
    return z * z;  
}
```

```
float a(float x) {  
    return b(x);  
}
```

```
float b(float y) {  
    return c(y);  
}
```

Prototypes each function.

After the function is prototyped it may be defined in any order.

This code will now compile without error.

Function Prototypes

- If we fail to prototype a function and it has not been declared yet, C89 assumes it has an integer parameter and returns an integer value.
- **Example:**

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    printf("%d\n", a(2.0));
    return 0;
}

int a(int x) {
    return x * x;
}
```

Compiles

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
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}

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    return x * x;
}
```

Errors

Function Prototypes

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Best practice is to prototype or declare function before using it and not rely on this behaviour.

```
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int main() {
    printf("%d\n", a(2.0));
    return 0;
}

int a(int x) {
    return x * x;
}
```

Compiles

```
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int main() {
    printf("%d\n", a(2.0));
    return 0;
}

float a(float x) {
    return x * x;
}
```

Errors

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

- By default, C functions are **pass by value**.
- This means that the value of a variable is sent to the function and not a the variable its self or a reference to it.
- **Example:**

</cs2211/week9/ex7.c>

```
#include <stdio.h>

void f(int x) {
    x = 20;
    printf("Value in function is %d\n", x);
}

int main() {
    int y = 10;
    printf("Value before function is %d\n", y);
    f(y);
    printf("Value after function is %d\n", y);
    return 0;
}
```

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ ex7  
Value before function is 10  
Value in function is 20  
Value after function is 10
```

[/cs2211/week9/ex7.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
void f(int x) {  
    x = 20;  
    printf("Value in function is %d\n", x);  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int y = 10;  
    printf("Value before function is %d\n", y);  
    f(y);  
    printf("Value after function is %d\n", y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ ex7
```

```
Value before function is 10
```

```
Value in function is 20
```

```
Value after function is 10
```

/cs2211/week9/ex7.c

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

```
void f(int x) {  
    x = 20;  
    printf("Value in  
}
```

```
int main() {  
    int y = 10;  
    printf("Value before function is %d\n", y);  
    f(y);  
    printf("Value after function is %d\n", y);  
    return 0;  
}
```

This only changed the value of x inside the function.

It had no affect on the value of y in main.

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

- We can **pass by reference** using **pointers**.
- **Pointers** are a special type of variable that holds a memory address rather than a value.
- We will go more in depth into pointers in the coming weeks.
- For now we can use the **&** and ***** prefix operators to pass by reference.
- **Syntax:**

&var_name

**Returns the memory address of
var_name.**

Creates a pointer to var_name

***pointer_name**

**Dereferences the pointer
pointer_name.**

**Returns or sets the value stored at
the memory address.**

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Pass by Reference Example 1:

[/cs2211/week9/ex8.c](#)

```
#include <stdio.h>

void sum(int *result, int x, int y) {
    *result = x + y;
}

int main() {
    int result;
    int a = 5, b = 6;

    sum(&result, a, b);

    printf("Sum is %d.\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Pass by Reference

</cs2211/week9/ex8.c>

Function sum takes two normal integer arguments x and y. It also takes result, an integer pointer.

```
#include <stdio.h>

void sum(int *result, int x, int y) {
    *result = x + y;
}

int main() {
    int result;
    int a = 5, b = 6;

    sum(&result, a, b);

    printf("Sum is %d.\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```


Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Pass by Reference Example 1:

/cs2211/week9/ex8.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

void sum(int *result, int x, int y) {
    *result = x + y;
}

int main() {
    int result;
    int a = 5;

    sum(&result, a, 5);

    printf("Sum is %d.\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```

To read or set the value of result we are required to use the ***** prefix operator to "dereference" the pointer.

If we omit the ***** we are setting or reading the address rather than the value.

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Pass by Reference Example 1:

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```
#include <stdio.h>

void sum(int *result, int x, int y) {
    *result = x + y;
}

int main() {
    int result;
    int a = 5, b = 3;

    sum(&result, a, b);

    printf("Sum is %d.\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```

Like with scanf we need to use the `&` prefix operator to send the address rather than the value to the sum function.

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Output:

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Pa Sum is 11.

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#i Value of result is set by the sum function using pass by reference.

```
void sum(int *result, int x, int y) {  
    *result = x + y;  
}  
  
int main() {  
    int result;  
    int a = 5, b = 6;  
  
    sum(&result, a, b);  
  
    printf("Sum is %d.\n", result);  
    return 0;  
}
```

Pass by Value vs. Pass by Reference

Pass by Reference Example 2:

</cs2211/week9/ex9b.c>

```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int *a, int *b) {
    int c = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = c;
}

int main() {
    int x = 10, y = 5;

    printf("Before swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);
    swap(&x, &y);
    printf("After swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);

    return 0;
}
```

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Pass by Reference Example 2:

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

```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {
```

```
    int c = *a;
```

```
    *a = *b;
```

```
    *b = c;
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    int x = 10, y
```

```
    printf("Before swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);
```

```
    swap(&x, &y);
```

```
    printf("After swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Declare function swap that has two integer pointer parameters a and b.

a and b are passed by reference.

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Pass by Reference Example 2:

/cs2211/week9/ex9b.c

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

```
void swap(int *a, int *b) {
```

```
    int c = *a;
```

```
    *a = *b;
```

```
    *b = c;
```

```
}
```

```
int main() {
```

```
    int x = 10, y
```

```
    printf("Before
```

```
    swap(&x, &y);
```

```
    printf("After swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);
```

```
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Value that a points to is stored in c.

Value that a points to is updated to value that b points to.

Value that b points to is updated to value of c.

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```
#include <stdio.h>

void swap(int *a, int *b) {
    int c = *a;
    *a = *b;
    *b = c;
}

int main() {
    int x = 10, y = 5;

    printf("Before swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);
    swap(&x, &y);
    printf("After swap:\nx = %d\ty = %d\n", x, y);

    return 0;
}
```

What does this function do when called from main with &x and &y?

Variable Scope

- Scope is the region or area of a program where a variable can be accessed.
- In general, tends to follow blocks defined by curly braces { }.
- If two variables share the same name, the one with the inner most scope is accessed.

Variable Scope

Simple Example:

```
int x;

void bar() {
    int y;

    ...
}

int main() {
    int z;

    ...

    while(...) {
        int w;

        ...
    }
}
```

Variable Scope

Simple Example:

```
int x;

void bar() {
    int y;
    ...
}

int main() {
    int z;
    ...

    while(...) {
        int w;
        ...
    }
}
```

The variable **x** is accessible anywhere in the code after it has been declared. Could be read or set for example in function bar or main.

This is considered to be a **global variable**.

Generally bad practice to use **global variables** unless required.

Variable Scope

Simple Example:

```
int x; X

void bar() {
    int y; y
    ...
}

int main() {
    int z;
    ...

    while(...) {
        int w;
        ...
    }
}
```

The variable **y** is accessible anywhere in the bar function after it has been declared.

Can not be accessed in the main function.

This is considered to be a **local variable**.

Variable Scope

Simple Example:

```
int x; X

void bar() {
    int y; Y
    ...
}

int main() {
    int z; Z
    ...

    while(...) {
        int w;
        ...
    }
}
```

The variable **z** is accessible anywhere in the main function after it has been declared. This includes inside loops like the while loop shown here.

Can not be accessed in the bar function.

Also a **local variable**.

Variable Scope

Simple Example:

```
int x; X

void bar() {
    int y; y
    ...
}

int main() {
    int z; Z
    ...

    while(...) {
        int w; W
        ...
    }
}
```

The variable **w** only accessible inside the loop it was declared in.

Can not be accessed in the main function outside of the loop.

Variable Scope

/cs2211/week9/ex10.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int x = 1;

void foo(void) {
    printf("A: %d\n", x);
    int x = 2;
    printf("B: %d\n", x);
}

int main() {
    foo();

    printf("C: %d\n", x);
    int x = 3;
    printf("D: %d\n", x);

    while(1) {
        printf("E: %d\n", x);
        int x = 4;
        printf("F: %d\n", x);
        break;
    }

    printf("G: %d\n", x);
    return 0;
}
```

Variable Scope

/cs2211/week9/ex10.c

```
#include <stdio.h>

int x = 1;

void foo(void) {
    printf("A: %d\n", x);
    int x = 2;
    printf("B: %d\n", x);
}

int main() {
    foo();

    printf("C: %d\n", x);
    int x = 3;
    printf("D: %d\n", x);

    while(1) {
        printf("E: %d\n", x);
        int x = 4;
        printf("F: %d\n", x);
        break;
    }

    printf("G: %d\n", x);
    return 0;
}
```

Output:

```
[dservos5@cs2211b week9]$ ex10
A: 1
B: 2
C: 1
D: 3
E: 3
F: 4
G: 3
```