

CSC 211: Computer Programming

Structs

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Administrative Announcements

- Exam#02 ~ This Tuesday, November 12th
 - ✓ Same time / place as lecture
 - ✓ One 11x8 notes sheet
 - ✓ No calculator

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Structures

- Definition is generally outside any function
 - ✓ new 'data type' will be available to all code that follows
- Structures can be declared in the same way as basic data types
- Can also use `{ }` notation for initialization
- Use the **dot operator** for accessing data members

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Structures

```
struct structureName {  
    member1;  
    member2;  
    member3;  
    .  
    .  
    .  
    memberN;  
};
```

Structures in C++ are user defined data types which are used to store multiple items (members) of possibly different data types

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Example

```
// defining the struct
struct Point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main() {
    // creating a variable
    struct Point p1;
}
```

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Initializing ...

```
// defining the struct
struct Point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main() {
    // initializing (follows order)
    struct Point p1 = { 10, 20 };
}
```

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The dot operator

```
#include <iostream>

struct Point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main() {
    struct Point p1 = { 10, 20 };
    p1.x += 5;
    std::cout << p1.x << ' ' << p1.y << '\n';
}
```

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The dot operator

```
#include <iostream>

struct Point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

int main() {
    struct Point p1 = { 10, 20 };
    struct Point p2 = { 30, 40 };
    struct Point p3 = { 50, 60 };
    p1.x += 5; p2.y += 10; p3.y += 15;
}
```

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DISPLAY 10.2 Member Values

```

1 struct CDAccount
2 {
3     double balance;
4     double interestRate;
5     int term; //months until maturity
6 };
7 int main( )
8 {
9     CDAccount account;
10     ...
11
12
13     account.balance = 1000.00;
14
15
16     account.interestRate = 4.7;
17
18
19     account.term = 11;
20
21
22

```

Balance	InterestRate	Term
?	?	?
1000.00	?	?
1000.00	4.7	?
1000.00	4.7	11

from: Problem Solving with C++, 10th Edition, Walter Savitch

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Array of structures

```

#include <iostream>

struct Point2D {
    double x;
    double y;
};

int main() {
    Point2D mypoint;
    Point2D myarray[5];

    mypoint.x = 10;
    mypoint.y = 20;

    for (int i = 0 ; i < 5 ; i++) {
        myarray[i].x = 0;
        myarray[i].y = i;
    }
}

```

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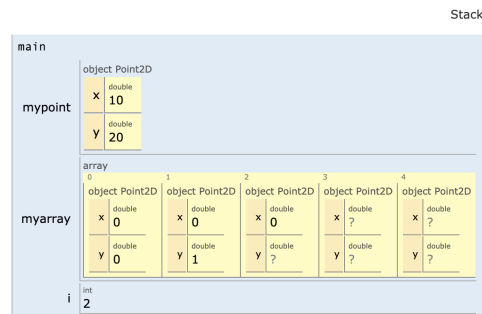
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C++ (gcc 4.8, C++11)
EXPERIMENTAL! [known limitations](#)

```

1 struct Point2D {
2     double x;
3     double y;
4 };
5
6 int main() {
7     struct Point2D mypoint;
8     struct Point2D myarray[5];
9
10    mypoint.x = 10;
11    mypoint.y = 20;
12
13    for (int i = 0 ; i < 5 ; i++) {
14        myarray[i].x = 0;
15        myarray[i].y = i;
16    }
17
18 }

```



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Arrays and Structures

- When using arrays as structs member, the index goes at the end
 - ✓ student.grades[i]
- When using structs as arrays elements, the index goes after the struct name
 - ✓ students[i].finalGrade

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Functions

```
// defining the struct
struct Point {
    int x;
    int y;
};

void distance(Point P1, Point P2);
```

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Passing structures to functions

- A struct can be passed as a parameter either by value or by reference

```
void incrementPoint(Point &somePoint){
    somePoint.x+=1;
    somePoint.y+=1;
};
```

- A function can return a value of type struct

```
Point incrementPoint(Point somePoint){
    somePoint.x+=1;
    somePoint.y+=1;
    return somePoint;
};
```

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Passing structures to functions

DISPLAY 10.1 A Structure Definition

```
1 //Program to demonstrate the CDAccount structure type.
2 #include <iostream>
3 using namespace std;
4 //Structure for a bank certificate of deposit:
5 struct CDAccount
6 {
7     double balance;
8     double interestRate;
9     int term; //months until maturity
10 };
11
12 void getData(CDAccount& theAccount);
13 //Postcondition: theAccount.balance and theAccount.interestRate
14 //have been given values that the user entered at the keyboard.
15
16
17 int main( )
18 {
19     CDAccount account;
20     getData(account);
21
22     double rateFraction, interest;
23     rateFraction = account.interestRate / 100.0;
24     interest = account.balance * rateFraction * (account.term / 12.0);
25     account.balance = account.balance + interest;
26
27     cout.setf(ios::fixed);
28     cout.setf(ios::showpoint);
29     cout.precision(2);
30     cout << "When your CD matures in "
31           << account.term << " months,\n"
32           << "it will have a balance of $"
33           << account.balance << endl;
34     return 0;
35 }
36
```

```
38 //Uses iostream:
39 void getData(CDAccount& theAccount)
40 {
41     cout << "Enter account balance: $";
42     cin >> theAccount.balance;
43     cout << "Enter account interest rate: ";
44     cin >> theAccount.interestRate;
45     cout << "Enter the number of months until maturity:\n"
46           << "(must be 12 or fewer months): ";
47     cin >> theAccount.term;
48 }
```

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Be careful of same member names

```
// defining the struct
struct Point {
    int x;
    int y;
};
```

```
struct Character {
    int x;
    int y;
    std::string name;
};
```

Compiler can keep track but it's harder for humans

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Structs and Pointers

```
struct Books {  
    std::string title;  
    std::string author;  
    std::string subject;  
    int book_id;  
};
```

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Pointers and Structs

- You can define pointers to structures in very similar way as you define pointer to any other variable

```
struct Books *struct_pointer;  
struct Books Book1;
```

- Now, you can store the address of a structure variable in the above defined pointer variable.

```
struct_pointer = &Book1;
```

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Structs and Pointers

```
void printBook( struct Books *book ) {  
    std::cout << "Book title : " << (*book).title;  
    std::cout << "Book author : " << (*book).author;  
    std::cout << "Book subject : " << (*book).subject;  
    std::cout << "Book id : " << (*book).book_id;  
}  
  
struct Books {  
    std::string title;  
    std::string author;  
    std::string subject;  
    int book_id;  
};  
  
int main(){  
    struct Books Book1;  
  
    Book1.title = "Learn C++ Programming"  
    Book1.author = "Chand Miyan"  
    Book1.subject = "Computer Science"  
  
    printBook( &Book1 );  
}
```

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Example

- Write a Student struct that contains
 - ✓ Name
 - ✓ StudentID
 - ✓ Major
- Implement functions:
 - ✓ void buildStudent(Student &someStudent)
 - Initialize member variables of student Struct
 - ✓ void changeMajor(Student &someStudent);
 - Change the major of a student structure
 - ✓ void printStudent(Student &someStudent);
 - Prints out all member variables of student structure

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