

1. C Review

- Storage classes and scopes
- Tips for C programming
- Review of pointers

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Algorithm + Data Structures = Programs

- Data structures and algorithms
 - Data structures = Ways of systematically arranging information, both abstractly and concretely
 - Algorithms = Methods for constructing, searching, and operating on data structures
- What is a good data structure/algorithm for a particular problem?
- Costs (as a function of input size)
 - Space
 - Time

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C Review:

- ◆ `int v = 0;` /* declared at some place in your program */
- ◆ What can you see from the declaration?

storage class	:	auto, register, static, extern
type	:	value domain
value	:	current value \in value domain
name	:	symbolic identifier
location	:	memory address
size	:	how many bytes it occupies
scope	:	where it can be accessed

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Storage class and Scope:

- ◆ Auto: declared inside a block, exists only when the block is entered, and disappears when execution leaves the block.

```

{ int x, y; ... }
  |
  | x and y alive
  | Accessable in
  | this block
  |
  |

```

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- ◆ Static: accessible in the block where it is declared, exists and retains its value in whole program cycle.

```

void f(){
    int x = 0;
    printf("%d\n", x++);
}

int main(){
    f(); // 0
    f(); // 0
    f(); // 0
}

//
void f(){
    static int x = 0;
    printf("%d\n", x++);
}

int main(){
    f(); // 0
    f(); // 1
    f(); // 2
}

```

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- ◆ Extern: accessible and exists in whole program file and program cycle. Define a global variable exactly once and use external declarations everywhere else.

```

/* f1.c */
int x;

void f(){
    x++;
}

void g(){
    x++;
}

//
/* f2.c */
extern int x;

void h(){
    x++;
}

```

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◆ Register: frequently used variables for efficiency purpose. Restrictions:

- (1) can not take the address of a register variable,
- (2) can not declare global register variables,
- (3) a register variable must fit into a single machine word,
- (4) the compiler may ignore register declaration.

```
/* search the given table to find the given key;
   return the index if found or -1 otherwise */
```

```
int table_search(int a[], register int n, register int key){
    register int j;
    for (j = 0; j < n && a[j] != key; j++);
    return (j != n) ? j : -1;
}
```

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Tips for C Programming:

- Do not change a loop variable inside a **for** loop block.
- All flow control primitives (**if**, **else**, **while**, **for**, **do**, **switch**, and **case**) should be followed by a block, even if it is empty.
- Statements following a **case** label should be terminated by a statement that exits the **switch** statement.
- All **switch** statements should have a **default** case.
- Use **break** and **continue** instead of **goto**.
- Do not have overly complex functions.
- Indent to show program structure (better readability).
- Parenthesize to resolve ambiguity.

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```
? for (j = 0; j < n; j++){
    a[j] = j;
    for (k = j; k < n; k++){
        if (a[j] < 5)
            a[k] = a[j];
        else
            a[k] = k;
    }
}
```

```
for (j = 0; j < n; j++){
    a[j] = j;
    for (k = j; k < n; k++){
        if (a[j] < 5)
            a[k] = a[j];
        else
            a[k] = k;
    }
}
```

```
? Leapyear = y % 4 == 0 && y % 100 != 0 || y % 400 == 0;
```

```
Leapyear = ((y % 4 == 0) && (y % 100 != 0)) || (y % 400 == 0);
```

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- Break up complex expressions:

```
? *x += (*xp = (2 * k < (n - m) ? c[k+1] : d[k--]));
```

```
if (2 * k < n - m)
    *xp = c[k+1];
else
    *xp = d[k--];
*x += *xp;
```

```
? child = (!LC && !RC) ? 0 : (!LC ? RC : LC);
```

```
if (LC == 0 && RC == 0)
    child = 0;
else if (LC == 0)
    child = RC;
else
    child = LC;
```

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- Common usage for consistency:

```
? j = 0;
while (j <= n - 1) a[j++] = 1;
? for (j = 0; j < n; ) a[j++] = 1;
? for (j = n; --j >= 0; ) a[j] = 1;
```

```
/* common usage in C */
```

```
for (j = 0; j < n; j++) a[j] = 1;
```

```
/* standard loop for walking along a list */
```

```
for (p = list; p != NULL; p = p->next) ...
```

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Review of pointers:

```
int x = 4;
int *a = &x;
int **b = &a;
```

x	4	a	addr(x)	b	addr(a)
&x	addr(x)	&a	addr(a)	&b	addr(b)
*x	illegal	*a	4	*b	addr(x)
*(&x)	4	**a	illegal	**b	4
				***b	illegal

```
*b == a == &x
**b == *a == x
```

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The unary operators * and &

```
int x, y, *px;
```

```
x = 10;  
px = &x;  
y = *px;
```

- The unary operator & gives the address of an object.
- It can be used only to variables and array elements. &(y+2) and &7 are illegal.
- The unary operator * treats its operand as the address of a memory cell, and accesses the cell to get the contents.

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The unary operators * and &

```
int x, y;  
int *px;  
x = 10;  
px = &x;  
*px += 1;  
(*px)++;
```

- Declaration `int *px;` means that `*px` is an int, or `px` is a memory cell containing a pointer to a variable of int.
- `*px` can be on the left side of an assignment.
- In `(*px)++`, the parentheses are required.

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Function Arguments and Pointers

```
int x, y;  
int *px;  
scanf("%d", &x);  
scanf("%d", px);
```

- In C, invocation of functions is "call by value".
- In order for the called function to change the value of a variable in the calling function, we pass the address of the variable.

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Pointers and Arrays

```
int x[5] = {12, 23, 34, 45, 56};  
int *px;  
int y, x;  
px = &x[0];           //Set px to point to x[0].  
y = *px;              //Assign the content of x[0] to y.  
px = x;               //Set px to point to x[0], which is the  
                     //beginning of x.  
z = *(px+1);          // same as z = x[1].
```

- Note: `x = px` or `x++` or `px = &x` are illegal.

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Address Arithmetic

```
int x[5] = {12, 23, 34, 45, 56};  
int *px;  
int y, z;  
px = &x[0];           // Set px to point to x[0].  
z = *(px+1);          // Same as z = x[1].  
y = *(px+4);          // Same as y = x[4];
```

- When `p` is a pointer to an array, `p+1` points to the second element, `p+2` points to the third element, ...
- For `p+n`, the compiler scales `n` to the size of the object `p` points to.
- For `p` and `q` to elements of the same array, they can be compared using `==`, `<`, `<=`, `>`, `>=`, `!=`.

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Character pointers

```
char *text0, *text1;  
text0 = "Hello world!"; //Assign to text0 a pointer to the string.  
text1 = text0;          //Assign the same pointer to text1.
```

- `text0+n` points to the (n-1)th character in the string.
- `*text0++` is the character `text0` points to **before** it is incremented.
- `*++text0` is the character `text0` points to **after** it is incremented.

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Relationship of -> and . :

```
typedef struct {  
    char name[20];  
    int grade;  
} student;  
  
student s;  
student *sp = &s;  
  
s.grade = 97;           // direct structure field selection  
sp -> grade = 97;       // indirect structure field selection  
(*sp).grade = 97;      // (*sp).grade == sp->grade  
(&s) -> grade = 97;     // s.grade == (&s)->grade
```

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Structures and Operators:

- ◆ sizeof() operator determines the number of bytes used by a structure.
sizeof(s) // using a student variable
sizeof(student) // or using a type
- ◆ Don't assume the size of a structure is the sum of the size of its fields.
sizeof(s.name) + sizeof(s.grade)
≠ sizeof(s)

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Structures and Operators:

- ◆ Assignment operator = applies to structures. It copies the contents of one structure into another.
student new_student = s;
- ◆ No operators for comparing structures.
(new_student == s) // wrong

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