

Lecture #5

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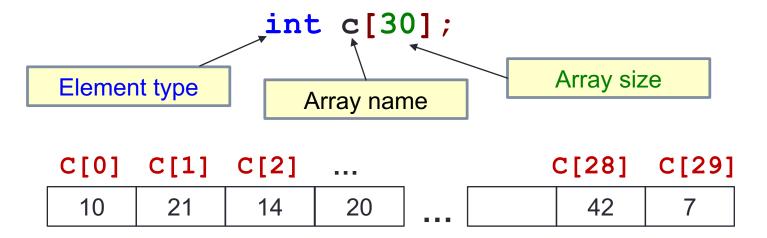
1. Collection of Data

- Besides the basic data types (int, float, double, char, etc.), C also provides means to organise data for the purpose of more logical representation and ease of manipulation.
- We will cover the following in this lecture:
 - Arrays
 - Strings
 - Structures

2. Arrays (1/2)

- An array is a homogeneous collection of data
- The declaration of an array includes the element type, array name and size (maximum number of elements)
- Array elements occupy contiguous memory locations and are accessed through indexing (from index 0 onwards)

Example: Declaring a 30-element integer array c.



2. Arrays (2/2)

```
ArraySumV1.c
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 5
int main(void) {
  int numbers[MAX];
  int i, sum = 0;
  printf("Enter %d integers: ", MAX);
  for (i=0; i<MAX; i++) {</pre>
    scanf("%d", &numbers[i]);
  for (i=0; i<MAX; i++) {</pre>
    sum += numbers[i];
  }
  printf("Sum = %d n", sum);
  return 0;
```

Summing all elements in an integer array

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define MAX 5

int main(void) {
   int numbers[MAX] = {4,12,-3,7,6};
   int i, sum = 0;

for (i=0; i<MAX; i++) {
     sum += numbers[i];
   }

   printf("Sum = %d\n", sum);
   return 0;
}</pre>
```

2.1 Array Declaration with Initializers

 As seen in ArraySumV2.c, an array can be initialized at the time of declaration.

```
// a[0]=54, a[1]=9, a[2]=10
int a[3] = {54, 9, 10};

// size of b is 3 with b[0]=1, b[1]=2, b[2]=3
int b[] = {1, 2, 3};

// c[0]=17, c[1]=3, c[2]=10, c[3]=0, c[4]=0
int c[5] = {17, 3, 10};
```

The following initializations are incorrect:

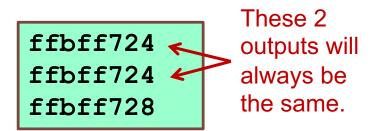
2.2 Arrays and Pointers

■ Example: int a[10]

a[0]	a[1]	a[2]	a[3]	a[4]	a[5]	a[6]	a[7]	a[8]	a[9]

■ When the array name a appears in an expression, it refers to the address of the first element (i.e. &a [0]) of that array.

```
int a[3];
printf("%p\n", a);
printf("%p\n", &a[0]);
printf("%p\n", &a[1]);
```



Output varies from one run to another. Each element is of int type, hence takes up 4 bytes (32 bits).

2.3 Array Assignment (1/2)

The following is illegal in C:

```
#define N 10
int source[N] = { 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 };
int dest[N];
dest = source; // illegal!
```

```
source[0]
                                                        source[9]
               30
                            50
   10
         20
                     40
                                   0
                                         0
                                               0
                                                            0
                                                      0
 dest[0]
                                                          dest[9]
                                                            ?
          ?
                                   ?
                                         ?
```

Reason:

- An array name is a fixed (constant) pointer; it points to the first element of the array, and this cannot be altered.
- The code above attempts to alter dest to make it point elsewhere.

2.3 Array Assignment (2/2)

■ How to do it properly? Write a loop:

```
ArrayCopy.c
#define N 10
int source[N] = { 10, 20, 30, 40, 50 };
int dest[N];
int i;
for (i = 0; i < N; i++) {
   dest[i] = source[i];
 source[0]
                                         source[9]
            30
   10
        20
                 40
                     50
                                   0
                                            0
  dest[0]
                                           dest[9]
   10
        20
            30
                 40
                     50
                                            0
```

 (There is another method – use the <string.h> library function memcpy(), but this is outside the scope of this module.)

2.4 Array Parameters in Functions (1/3)

```
ArraySumFunction.c
#include <stdio.h>
int sumArray(int [], int);
int main(void) {
  int val[6] = \{44, 9, 17, -4, 22\};
  printf("Sum = %d\n", sumArray(val, 6));
  return 0;
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) {
  int i, sum=0;
                                  In main():
                                         val[0] val[1]
                                                                val[5]
  for (i=0; i<size; i++) {</pre>
                                          44
                                                   17
                                                        -4
                                                            22
    sum += arr[i];
  return sum;
                                                 arr
                                                          size
                                  In sumArray():
                                                            6
```

2.4 Array Parameters in Functions (2/3)

Function prototype:

As mentioned before, name of parameters in a function prototype are optional and ignored by the compiler. Hence, both of the following are acceptable and equivalent:

```
int sumArray(int [], int);
int sumArray(int arr[], int size);
```

Function header in function definition:

- No need to put array size inside []; even if array size is present, compiler just ignores it.
- Instead, provide the array size through another parameter.

```
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) { ... }

int sumArray(int arr[8], int size) { ... }

Ignored by compiler

Actual number of elements
you want to process
```

2.4 Array Parameters in Functions (3/3)

Since an array name is a pointer, the following shows the alternative syntax for array parameter in function prototype and function header in the function definition

```
int sumArray(int *, int); // fn prototype

// function definition
int sumArray(int *arr, int size) {
    ...
}
```

Compare this with the [] notation

```
int sumArray(int [], int); // fn prototype
```

```
// function definition
int sumArray(int arr[], int size) {
    ...
}
```

2.5 Modifying Array in a Function (1/2)

- We have learned that for a function to modify a variable (eg: v) outside it, the caller has to passed the address of the variable (eg: &v) into the function.
- What about an array? Since an array name is a pointer (address of its first element), there is no need to pass its address to the function.
- This also means that whether intended or not, a function can modify the content of the array it received.

2.5 Modifying Array in a Function (2/2)

```
ArrayModify.c
#include <stdio.h>
                                            In main():
void modifyArray(float [], int);
                                                     num[0] num[1]
                                                                    num[3]
void printArray(float [], int);
                                                      3.1
                                                           5.9
                                                               -2.1
                                                                      8.8
int main(void) {
  float num[4] = \{3.1, 5.9, -2.1, 8.8\}
                                           In modifyArray():
                                                                      size
                                                               arr
  modifyArray(num, 4);
  printArray(num, 4);
  return 0;
                                              6.20 \ 11.80 \ -4.20 \ 17.60
void modifyArray(float arr[], int size) {
   int i;
                                void printArray(float arr[], int size) {
                                  int i;
   for (i=0; i<size; i++) {</pre>
     arr[i] *= 2;
                                   for (i=0; i<size; i++) {</pre>
                                      printf("%.2f", arr[i]);
 }
     modifyArray() modifies
                                  printf("\n");
     the array; printArray()
      does not.
```

3. Strings (1/2)

```
#include <stdio.h>

void modifyArray(char [], int);

void printArray(char [], int);

int main(void) {
   char chars[4] = {'C', 'h', 'a', 'r'};
   modifyArray(chars, 4);
   printArray(chars, 4);
   return 0;
}
```

Array of characters

The following code is very similar to ArrayModify.c. What does it do? What is the output?

Dibs

```
void modifyArray(char arr[], int size) {
  int i;
  for (i=0; i<size; i++) {
    arr[i]++;
  }
  for (i=0;
  printf</pre>
```

```
void printArray(char arr[], int size) {
  int i;

for (i=0; i<size; i++) {
    printf("%c", arr[i]);
  }
  printf("\n");
}</pre>
```



3. Strings (2/2)

- We can turn an array of characters into a string by adding a null character '\0' at the end of the array
- A string is an array of characters, terminated by a null character '\0' (which has an ASCII value of zero)
- We can use string functions (include <string.h>) to manipulate strings.

Example:

С	S	1	0	1	0	\0

3.1 Strings: Basic

Declaration of an array of characters

```
char str[6];
```

Assigning character to an element of an array of

characters

```
str[0] = 'e';

str[1] = 'g';

str[2] = 'g';

str[3] = '\0';
```

Initializer for string

```
Two ways:
```

```
char fruit_name[] = "apple";
char fruit_name[] = {'a','p','p','l','e','\0'};
```

```
Without '\0', it is just an array of character, not a string.

Do not need '\0' as it is automatically added.

'apple";
```

3.2 Strings: I/O (1/3)

Read string from stdin (keyboard)

Print string to stdout (monitor)

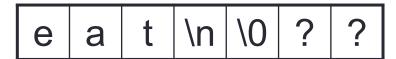
```
puts(str); // terminates with newline
printf("%s\n", str);
```

Note: There is another function gets(str) to read a string interactively. However, due to security reason, we avoid it and use fgets() function instead.

3.2 Strings: I/O (2/3)

- fgets()
 - On interactive input, fgets() also reads in the newline character

User input: eat



 Hence, we may need to replace it with '\0' if necessary

```
fgets(str, size, stdin);
len = strlen(str);
if (str[len - 1] == '\n')
    str[len - 1] = '\0';
```

3.2 Strings: I/O (3/3)

```
StringIO1.c
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define LENGTH 10

int main(void) {
   char str[LENGTH];

   printf("Enter string (at most %d characters): ", LENGTH-1);
   fqets(str, LENGTH, stdin);
   printf("str = ");
   puts(str);
   return 0;

   StringIO2.c

   StringIO2.c

   Note that puts(str) adds a newline automatically.
```

3.3 Example: Remove Vowels (1/2)

- Write a program RemoveVowels.c to remove all vowels in a given input string.
- Assume the input string has at most 100 characters.
- Sample run:

```
Enter a string: How HAVE you been, James?
```

Changed string: Hw HV y bn, Jms?

3.3 Example: Remove Vowels (2/2)

```
RemoveVowels.c
#include <stdio.h>
                               Need to include <string.h>
#include <string.h>
                               to use string functions such
#include <ctype.h>
                               as strlen().
                                             Need to include <ctype.h> to
int main(void) {
                                             use character functions such
   int i, len, count = 0;
                                             as toupper().
   char str[101], newstr[101];
   printf("Enter a string (at most 100 characters): ");
   fgets(str, 101, stdin); //what happens if you use scanf() here?
   len = strlen(str); // strlen() returns number of char in string
   if (str[len - 1] == '\n')
      str[len - 1] = ' \ 0';
   len = strlen(str); // check length again
   for (i=0; i<len; i++) {
      switch (toupper(str[i])) {
         case 'A': case 'E':
         case 'I': case 'O': case 'U': break;
         default: newstr[count++] = str[i];
   newstr[count] = ' \ 0';
   printf("New string: %s\n", newstr);
   return 0;
```

3.4 String Functions (1/2)

- C provides a library of string functions
 - Must include <string.h>
 - Here are a few commonly used string functions
- strlen(s)
 - Return the number of characters in s
- strcmp(s1, s2)
 - Compare the ASCII values of the corresponding characters in strings s1 and s2.
 - Return
 - a negative integer if s1 is lexicographically less than s2, or
 - a positive integer if s1 is lexicographically greater than s2, or
 - 0 if s1 and s2 are equal.
- strncmp(s1, s2, n)
 - Compare first n characters of s1 and s2.

3.4 String Functions (2/2)

- strcpy(s1, s2)
 - Copy the string pointed to by s2 into array pointed to by s1.
 - Function returns s1.
 - Example:

```
char name[10];

M a t t h e w 0 ? ?

strcpy(name, "Matthew");
```

The following assignment statement <u>does not work</u>:

```
name = "Matthew";
```

What happens when string to be copied is too long?

```
strcpy(name, "A very long name");
```



- strncpy(s1, s2, n)
 - Copy first n characters of string pointed to by s2 to s1.

3.5 Importance of '\0' in a String (1/2)

- To be treated as a string, the array of characters must be terminated with the null character '\0'.
- Otherwise, string functions will not work properly on it.
- For instance, the printf("%s", str) statement will print until it encounters a null character in str.
- Likewise, strlen(str) will count the number of characters up to (but not including) the null character.
- In many cases, a string that is not properly terminated with '\0' will result in illegal access of memory.

3.5 Importance of '\0' in a String (2/2)

What is the output of this code?

```
WithoutNullChar.c
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
                              One possible output:
                              Length = 8
int main(void) {
  char str[10];
                              str = apple¿ø<</pre>
                     Compare the output if you add:
  str[0] = 'a';
                     str[5] = ' \ 0';
  str[1] = 'p';
  str[2] = 'p';
                     or, you have:
  str[3] = '1';
                     char str[10] = "apple";
  str[4] = 'e';
  printf("Length = %d\n", strlen(str));
  printf("str = %s\n", str);
  return 0;
```

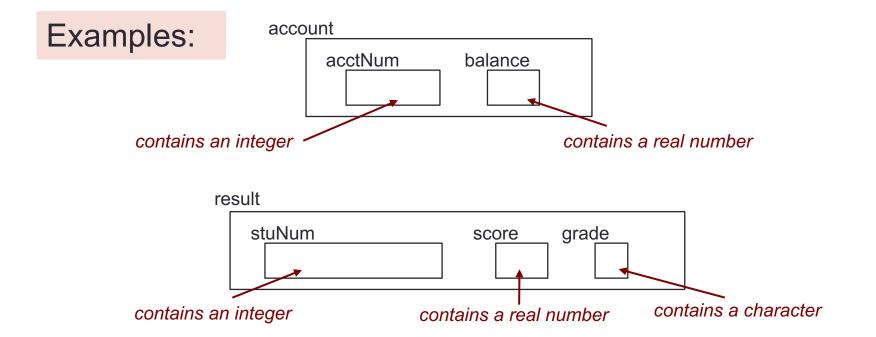
printf() will print %s from the starting address of str until it encounters the '\0' character.

%s and string functions work only on "true" strings. Without the terminating null character '\0', string functions will not work properly.



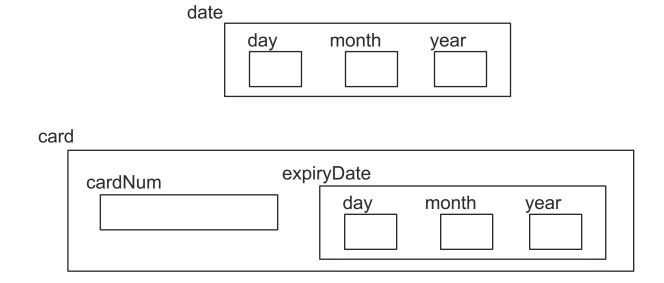
4. Structures (1/2)

- Arrays contain homogeneous data (i.e. data of the same type)
- Structures allow grouping of heterogeneous members (of different types)



4. Structures (2/2)

- A group can be a member of another group.
- Example: the expiry date of a membership card is of "date" group



4.1 Structure Types (1/2)

- Such a group is called structure type
- Examples of structure types:

```
typedef struct {
  int length, width, height;
} box_t;
```

This semi-colon; is very important and is often forgotten!

Create a new type called box t

```
typedef struct {
  int acctNum;
  float balance;
} account_t;
```

Create a new type called account_t

```
typedef struct {
  int stuNum;
  float score;
  char grade;
} result_t;
```

Create a new type called result_t

4.1 Structure Types (2/2)

- A type is <u>NOT</u> a variable!
 - what are the differences between a type and a variable?
- The following is a <u>definition of a type</u>, NOT a declaration of a variable
 - A type needs to be defined before we can declare variable of that type
 - No memory is allocated to a type

```
typedef struct {
   int acctNum;
   float balance;
} account_t;
```

4.2 Structure Variables

- Declaration
 - The syntax is similar to declaring ordinary variables.

```
typedef struct {
  int stuNum;
  float score;
  char grade;
} result_t;
Before function prototypes
(but after preprocessor directives)
```

```
result_t result1, result2; Inside any function
```

int day, month, year;

4.3 Initializing Structure Variables

} date t;

The syntax is like array initialization

result t result1 = { 123321, 93.5, 'A' };

Examples:

```
typedef struct {
  int cardNum;
  date_t expiryDate;
} card_t;

typedef struct {
  int stuNum;
  float score;
  char grade;
} result_t;

typedef struct {
  int cardNum;
  date_t expiryDate;
} card_t;

card_t card1 = {8888888, {31, 12, 2020}};

card_t card1 = {8888888, {31, 2020}};

card_t card1 = {8888888, {31, 2020}};

card_t card1 = {8888888}};

card_t card1 = {8888888}};

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card_t card1 = {888888}};

card_t card1 = {88888}};

card_t card1 =
```

typedef struct {

4.4 Accessing Members of a Structure Variable

Use the dot (.) operator

```
result_t result2;

result2(.stuNum = 456654;

result2(.score = 62.0;

result2(.grade = 'D';
```

```
card_t card2 = { 6666666, {30, 6} };
card2@expiryDate@year = 2021;
```

4.5 Example: Initializing and Accessing

```
StructureEg1.c
#include <stdio.h>
                     result1: stuNum = 123321; score = 93.5; grade = A
typedef struct
                     result2: stuNum = 456654; score = 62.0; grade = D
   int stuNum;
   float score;
                     Type definition
   char grade;
} result t;
                                                  Initialization
int main(void) {
    result t result1 = { 123321, 93.5, 'A' },
             result2:
   result2.stuNum = 456654;
                                        Accessing
   result2.score = 62.0;
                                         members
   result2.grade = 'D';
   printf("result1: stuNum = d; score = .1f; grade = c\n",
           result1.stuNum, result1.score, result1.grade);
   printf("result2: stuNum = d; score = 1f; grade = c\n",
           result2.stuNum, result2.score, result2.grade);
   return 0;
```

4.6 Reading a Structure Member

- The structure members are read in individually the same way as we do for ordinary variables
- Example:

'A'

grade

'A'

93.5

score

93.5

4.7 Assigning Structures

- We use the dot operator (.) to access individual member of a structure variable.
- If we use the structure variable's name, we are referring to the entire structure.

'A'

Unlike arrays, we may do assignments with structures

```
result2 = result1;

Before:
result1

result2.stuNum = result1.stuNum;
result2.score = result1.score;
result2.grade = result1.grade;

After:
result1

stuNum score grade

stuNum score grade
```

123321

123321

stuNum

result2

result2
stuNum score grade
456654 62.0 'D'

123321

93.5

4.8 Returning Structure from Function (1/3)

- Example:
 - Given this structure type result_t,

```
typedef struct {
    int max;
    float ave;
} result_t;
```

Define a function func() that returns a structure of this type:

```
result_t func( ... ) {
   ...
}
```

To call this function:

```
result_t result;
result = func( ... );
```

4.8 Returning Structure from Function (2/3)

```
StructureEg2.c
#include <stdio.h>
typedef struct {
    int max;
    float ave;
} result t;
result t max and average(int, int, int);
int main(void) {
    int num1, num2, num3;
    result t result;
                                                   returned structure is
    printf("Enter 3 integers: ");
                                                   copied to result
    scanf("%d %d %d", &num1, &num2, &num3);
    result = max and average(num1, num2, num3);
    printf("Maximum = %d\n", result.max);
    printf("Average = %.2f\n", result.ave)
                                              max and average
    return 0;
                                              are printed
```

4.8 Returning Structure from Function (3/3)

```
StructureEg2.c
   Computes the maximum and average of 3 integers
result t max and average(int n1, int n2, int n3) {
    result t result;
    result.max = n1;
    if (n2 > result.max)
                                           the answers are stored in the
      result.max = n2;
                                           structure variable result.
    if (n3 > result.max)
      result.max = n3;
    result.ave = (n1+n2+n3)/3.0;
    return result;
                         result is returned here
```

4.9 Passing Structure to Function (1/2)

- Passing a structure to a parameter in a function is akin to assigning the structure to the parameter.
- The entire structure is **copied**, i.e., members of the actual parameter are copied into the corresponding members of the formal parameter.
 - Pass-by-value
- We use PassStructureToFn.c to illustrate this.

```
player1: name = Brusco; age = 23; gender = M
player2: name = July; age = 21; gender = F
```

4.9 Passing Structure to Function (2/2)

```
PassStructureToFn.c
// #include statements and definition
// of player t are omitted here for brevity
void print player(char [], player t);
int main(void) {
   player t player1 = { "Brusco", 23, 'M' }, player2;
   strcpy(player2.name, "July");
                                             Passing a
   player2.age = 21;
                                             structure to a
   player2.gender = 'F';
                                             function
   print player("player1", player1);
   print player("player2", player2);
   return 0;
                                                       Receiving a
                                                       structure from
// Print player's information
                                                       the caller
void print player(char header[], player t player)
   printf("%s: name = %s; age = %d; gender = %c\n", header,
           player.name, player.age, player.gender);
```

(For own reading)

4.10 Array of Structures

- Combining structures and arrays gives us a lot of flexibility in organizing data.
 - For example, we may have a structure comprising 2 members: student's name and an array of 5 test scores he obtained.
 - Or, we may have an array whose elements are structures.
 - Or, even more complex combinations such as an array whose elements are structures which comprises array as one of the members.
- Case study (Program: NearbyStores.c)
 - A startup company decides to provide location-based services. Its customers are a list of stores.
 - Each store has a name, a location given by (x, y) coordinates, a radius that defines a circle of influence.
 - We can define a structure type store_t for the stores, and have a store_t array store_t variables. We call this array storeList and it represents the list of stores.

4.11 Passing Address of Structure to Function (1/5)

Given this code, what is the output?

PassStructureToFn2.c

```
// #include statements, definition of player t,
// and function prototypes are omitted here for brevity
int main(void) {
  player t player1 = { "Brusco", 23, 'M' };
   change name and age(player1);
   print player("player1", player1);
   return 0;
                   player1: name = Brusco; age = 23; gender = M
// To change a player's name and age
void change name and age(player t player) {
   strcpy(player.name, "Alexandra");
   player.age = 25;
// Print player's information
void print_player(char header[], player_t player) {
   printf("%s: name = %s; age = %d; gender = %c\n", header,
          player.name, player.age, player.gender);
```

4.11 Passing Address of Structure to Function (2/5)

```
player1
main()
                                                             gender
                                  name
                                                      age
                                     "Brusco"
                                                         23
change_name_and_age(player1);
change_name_and_age(player_t player)
                               player
                                                             gender
                                  name
                                                      age
                                     "Blesandra"
                                                        25
                                                                'M'
strcpy(player.name, "Alexandra");
player.age = 25;
```

4.11 Passing Address of Structure to Function (3/5)

- Like an ordinary variable (eg: of type int, char), when a structure variable is passed to a function, a <u>separate copy</u> of it is <u>made</u> in the called function.
- Hence, the original structure variable will not be modified by the function.
- To allow the function to modify the content of the original structure variable, you need to pass in the address (pointer) of the structure variable to the function.
- (Note that passing an <u>array</u> of structures to a function is a different matter. As the array name is a pointer, the function is able to modify the array elements.)

4.11 Passing Address of Structure to Function (4/5)

Need to pass address of the structure variable.

PassAddrStructToFn.c // #include statements, definition of player t, // and function prototypes are omitted here for brevity int main(void) { player t player1 = { "Brusco", 23, 'M' }; change_name_and_age(&player1); print player("player1", player1); return 0; player1: name = Alexandra; age = 25; gender = M // To change a player's name and age void change name and age(player t *player ptr) { strcpy((*player ptr) .name, "Alexandra"); (*player ptr) .age = 25; // Print player's information void print_player(char header[], player_t player) { printf("%s: name = %s; age = %d; gender = %c\n", header, player.name, player.age, player.gender);

4.11 Passing Address of Structure to Function (5/5)

```
player1
main()
                                                           gender
                                 name
                                                    age
                                    "Altexandra"
                                                      23
change_name_and_age(&player1);
change_name_and_age(player_t *player_ptr)
                                                player ptr
strcpy((*player_ptr).name, "Alexandra");
(*player_ptr).age = 25;
```

4.12 The Arrow Operator (->) (1/2)

- Expressions like (*player_ptr).name appear very often. Hence an alternative "shortcut" syntax is created for it.
- The arrow operator (->)

- Can we write *player_ptr.name instead of (*player_ptr).name?
- No, because . (dot) has higher precedence than *, so *player_ptr.name means *(player_ptr.name)!

4.12 The Arrow Operator (->) (2/2)

 Function change_name_and_age() in PassAddrStructToFn2.c modified to use the -> operator.

```
// To change a player's name and age
void change_name_and_age(player_t *player_ptr) {
   strcpy(player_ptr->name, "Alexandra");
   player_ptr->age = 25;
}
```

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