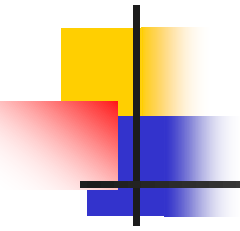




Program Patterns: Problem Solving Using C

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Welcome!



What This Course Is All About (1/3)

- The name of this course, when we first created it in 2010, was "Problem Solving Methods".
- The purpose of learning a programming language is to be able to solve many problems.
- The primary objective of this course is to teach problem solving skills using a programming language (whatever language).
- To solve problems using a programming language, you must first know how to use the language as a tool.
- It takes 2 to 3 semesters to properly learn a programming language like C, Java, Python.
- Once you know how to use C to solve problems, you can learn any other language quickly (in a few weeks).



What This Course Is All About (2/3)

- Most of you knew nothing about programming when you joined our Department.
- We chose C as the first programming language, and designed a 3-course series to teach you how to solve problems using C.
- The C programming course you took last semester was the first exposure.
- This is the second of the three-course series.
- The third course is Data Structures (next semester).



What This Course Is All About (3/3)

- To solve problems using a programming language takes more than just the language itself.
- You need several other skills.
 - You must understand most of the basic courses we require you for graduation. The first is the Data Structures course (next semester).
 - You need training in logical thinking(or computational thinking).
 - You must understand and make use of software development methods.
 - You need to reuse code libraries (at a low level) and software design patterns (at a high level).



Summary of Course Objectives

- Learn problem solving skills using programming.
- Review basic C
- Learn intermediate C.
- Learn basic data structures.
- Learn programming patterns.
- Learn software development methods



Course Elements

- 6-7 lectures
- 6-7 in-lecture quizzes
- 4 homework
- 6-8 labs
- 1 mid-term exam
- 1 final exam



Textbook

- Not required
- Reference book
 - "A First Book of ANSI C"
by Gary Bronson (Thomson)



Course Rules

- cheating in exams
 - will receive an “F” for the course
 - no scholarship for 4 years
- late homework
 - will receive a “0” point
- cheating on homework
 - will receive a “0” point
 - will receive a low semester grade
- “not attending” 4 or more classes
 - course grade “F”



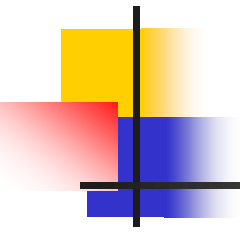
Course Tips

- This is a “Learn & practice” class
 - You will have in-class practices
 - You will also have homework, quizzes, and projects
- Ask questions in class
 - It is boring to just sit and listen. Be active!
 - Asking questions means you are interested. Let others share your interest.
 - Do not be afraid to ask *stupid* questions. You are students!



Course Grading Policy

■ homework:	200
■ labs:	50
■ in-lecture quizzes:	50
■ mid-term exam:	300
■ final exam:	300
■ attendance	100



Course Outline



What You Need to Solve a Problem by Programming

- Problem solving skills
 - logical thinking
- Understanding a programming language
 - understanding all the key features of a language
 - correct syntax
 - debugging skills
- Programming skills
 - training on programming patterns
 - training on software engineering methods



Logical Thinking

- Apply the step-by-step problem solving process
- Apply a divide and conquer strategy
 - Decompose a complex problem into small manageable pieces.
 - Solve the small problems and successively combine them into a total solution.



Intermediate C

- file I/O
- dynamic memory allocation
- recursion
- bitwise operations
- basic data structures
 - struct, struct array
 - linked lists, stack and queue
- **** Note: The intermediate C features will be immediately put to solving problems. Just knowing the features and the syntax is not useful.**



Software Engineering Methods

- Flow graph
- Documentation
- Coding guideline
- Software testing
- Debugging
- Software development process



Useful Programming Patterns



Note

- The examples to follow are “low level” program patterns that often occur when you program.
- Knowing these will help you write more reliable programs and write programs faster. This is the case when you make use of built-in program libraries.
- The program patterns you will learn in this course are “high level” patterns.
- Knowing these high-level program patterns will help you significantly. It will help you design and code reliable programs and complete software development projects faster.

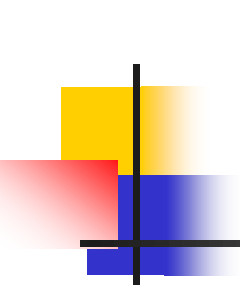


Testing Odd/Even Integer

```
int num;
```

```
printf ("□ Please type an integer ");  
scanf ("%d ", &num);
```

```
if ((num%2)==1)  
    printf ("\n an odd integer");  
else  
    printf ("\n an even integer");
```



Testing Odd/Even Integer (another way)

```
int num;
```

```
printf ("□ Please type an integer ");  
scanf ("%d ", &num);
```

```
if (num%2  
    printf ("\n an odd integer");  
else  
    printf ("\n an even integer");
```



Exchanging Two Data

```
int num1=100, num2= 250;
```



Use of a Temporary Variable

/* exchanging two data */

int num1=100, num2= 250;

int temp;

temp = num1;

num1 = num2;

num2 = temp;



Finding Maximum/Minimum Data

```
int i, num;
```

```
int max;
```

```
for (i=1; i<=100; i++)
```

```
{
```

```
    printf ("Please type an integer ");
```

```
    scanf ("%d ", &num);
```

```
    if (i==1)
```

```
        max = num;
```

```
    else if (num > max)
```

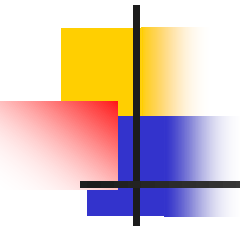
```
        max = num;
```

```
}
```



(High Level, Common) Program Patterns

- Data search
- Data update
- Data copying & moving
- Data transformation
- Data reorganization
- Data derivation



Problem Solving Method



Problem Solving Skills

- Understand problem solving methods
- Use logical thinking
- Make use of programming patterns
- and Practice, Practice, Practice,...



Important to Take Into Account the Problem Size

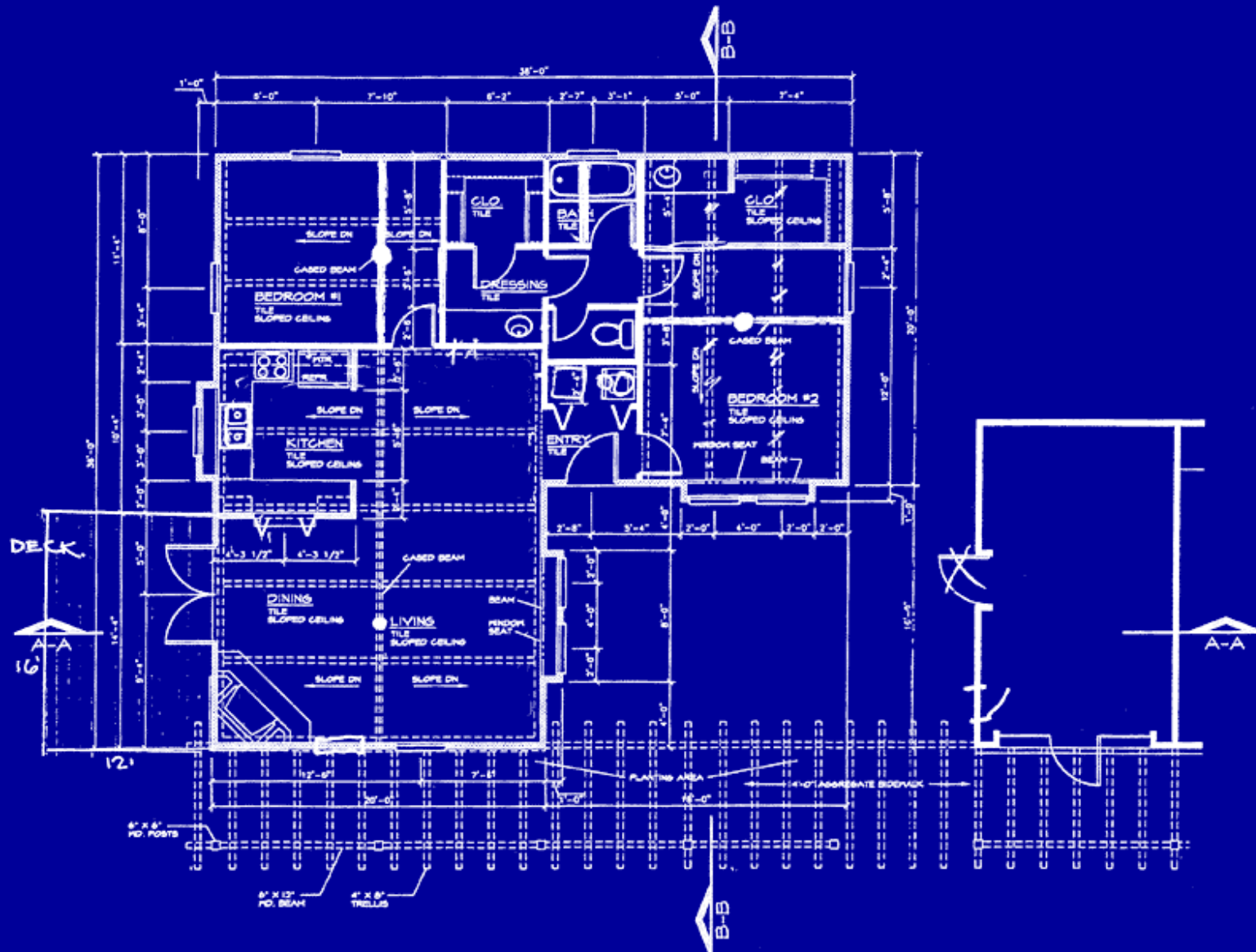
- “Nothing” (size)
 - examples in introductory C programming textbooks
 - exercises in “problem solving using C” course
- Tiny
 - exercises in “problem solving using C” course
- Very Small
 - video rental management system, product defect detection system
- Small
 - VI editor
- Medium
 - Web browser, anti-virus software, C compiler, accounting software
- Large
 - word processor, email system, Web portal system, Internet search engine, enterprise application software, distributed online game
- Very Large
 - enterprise database management system, VoIP system
 - mobile phone software platform
- Huge
 - Windows 11 operating system



Problem Solving Methods

- “Nothing”
 - Just do it.
- Tiny
 - Needs logic formulation.
 - Mostly one solution.
- Very Small
 - Needs architecture formulation, and logic formulation.
 - There may be a few different solutions.

Building Blue Print -- what size?



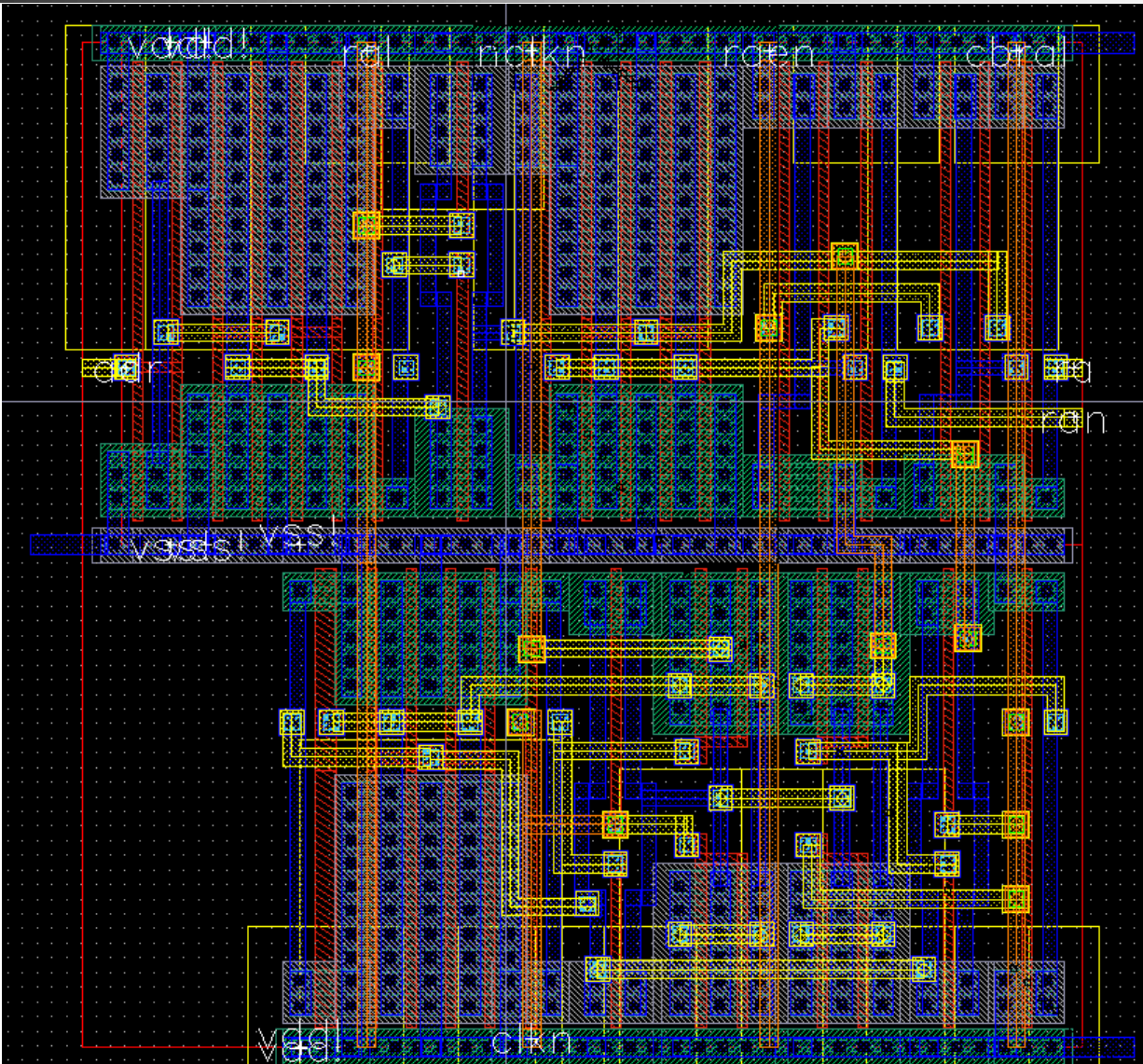
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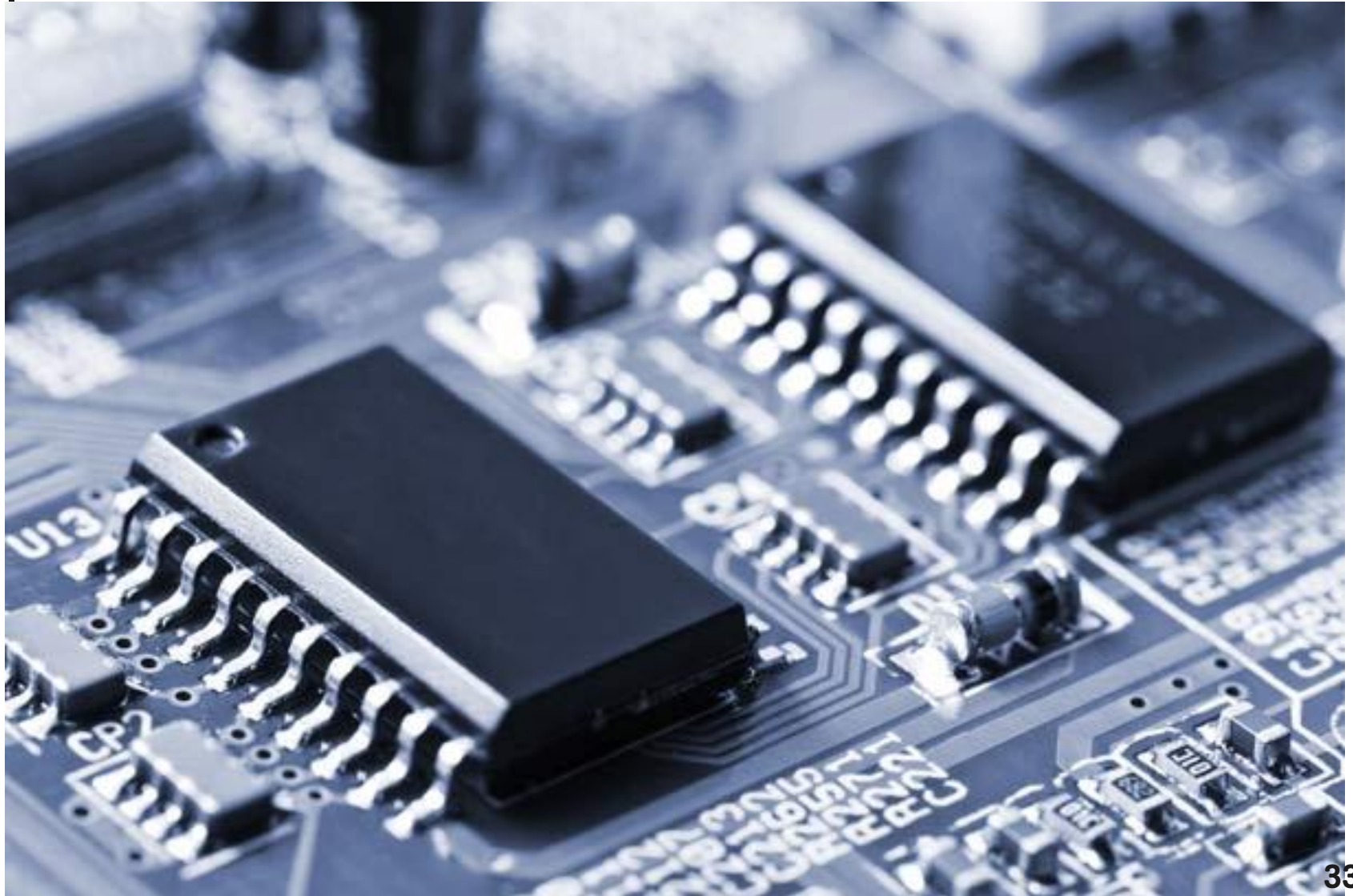
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Semiconductor Design Layout - what size?



Semiconductor Chip





Computer Software Is
the Most Complex Invention
by Humans



Require Software Development Process

- Requirements analysis
- Architecture (basic) design
- Test planning
- Detailed design – implementation – testing
- Documentation
- Maintenance



“Developing” a Program for Problem Solving (1/4)

- Step 1: understand the problem (requirements analysis)
 - Draw the problem.
 - Create simple examples.
- Step 2: outline a solution (basic design)
 - Draw the solution.
 - Validate it against the simple examples.
- Step 3: form a program structure (basic design)
 - Draw key elements of the structure.
 - Draw a flow graph.



“Developing” a Program (2/4)

- Step 4: write a program outline (pseudo code) (detailed design)
 - Outline each key element of `main`.
 - Outline each `function` definition.
- Step 5: write the program (detailed design, implementation)
 - Complete each outline.
 - Follow coding guideline.
 - Follow coding style guideline.
 - Defensive coding.
 - Complete all declarations.
 - Complete all `includes`.



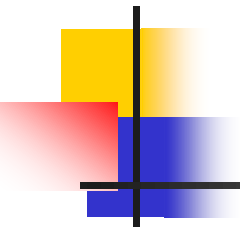
“Developing” a Program (3/4)

- Step 6: inspect the program (testing)
 - Draw memory diagrams for pointers.
 - Check loop, if else, switch, function.
 - Check variable initialization.
- Step 7: compile the program
 - Eliminate syntax errors.
- Iterate all steps above, as necessary, for optimization and correctness.



“Developing” a Program (4/4)

- Step 8: test the program (testing)
 - Create test cases.
 - Run the program against the test cases.
 - Hand trace the program as needed.
- Step 9: document the program (documentation)
 - File comments
 - Key inline comments
- Step 10: maintain the program (maintenance)



(Logic) Flow Graph



Flow Graph

- Describing the key elements of a program
 - pseudo code (using natural language phrases)
 - flow graph (flow chart) (using drawings)
- Flow graph
 - key components of a program
 - flow of control and data among them
- Different levels of detail
 - architecture diagrams of large software
 - basic design of a module
 - detailed design of a function
- Successive refinement



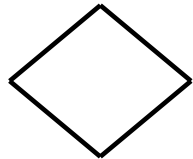
Key Symbols



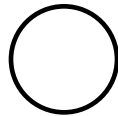
action, module



flow line



decision



**entry to/
exit from another part
of the flow graph**

Example: Write a Problem for Matrix Computation

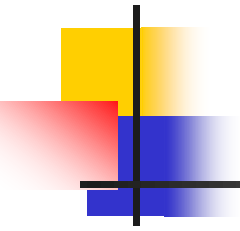
■ Matrix Multiplication

- Create 3 10x10 Matrixes
 - Matrix1: starting from 0, the value of each element increases by 1
 - Matrix2: starting from 0, the value of each element increases by 2
 - Matrix3: saves the result of multiplying Matrix1 and Matrix2
- Output Matrix1, Matrix2, and Matrix3.
- (Use 5 spaces, left flushed, for each element of Matrix1 and Matrix2; and 10 spaces for each element of Matrix3.)

■ Expected Output:

```
=====MATRIX1=====
0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9
10  11  12  13  14  15  16  17  18  19
20  21  22  23  24  25  26  27  28  29
30  31  32  33  34  35  36  37  38  39
40  41  42  43  44  45  46  47  48  49
50  51  52  53  54  55  56  57  58  59
60  61  62  63  64  65  66  67  68  69
70  71  72  73  74  75  76  77  78  79
80  81  82  83  84  85  86  87  88  89
90  91  92  93  94  95  96  97  98  99
```

```
=====MATRIX2=====
0   2   4   6   8   10  12  14  16  18
20  22  24  26  28  30  32  34  36  38
40  42  44  46  48  50  52  54  56  58
60  62  64  66  68  70  72  74  76  78
80  82  84  86  88  90  92  94  96  98
100 102 104 106 108 110 112 114 116 118
120 122 124 126 128 130 132 134 136 138
140 142 144 146 148 150 152 154 156 158
160 162 164 166 168 170 172 174 176 178
180 182 184 186 188 190 192 194 196 198
```

Problem Solving Approach: Tiny Example 1



A Tiny Problem

```
int  age[100], scores[100];
```

Given the ages and test scores of 100 students, write a C program that computes (& prints to the monitor) the ages of the students with the highest and lowest score, and the scores of the oldest and youngest students.



Understand the Problem

Draw the problem & create examples.

age	score
17	64

age	score
17	64
19	52

age	score
17	64
21	17
17	0
21	64

Identify cases to consider.

multiple tie values

multiple tie values spread out

only one entry

0 score

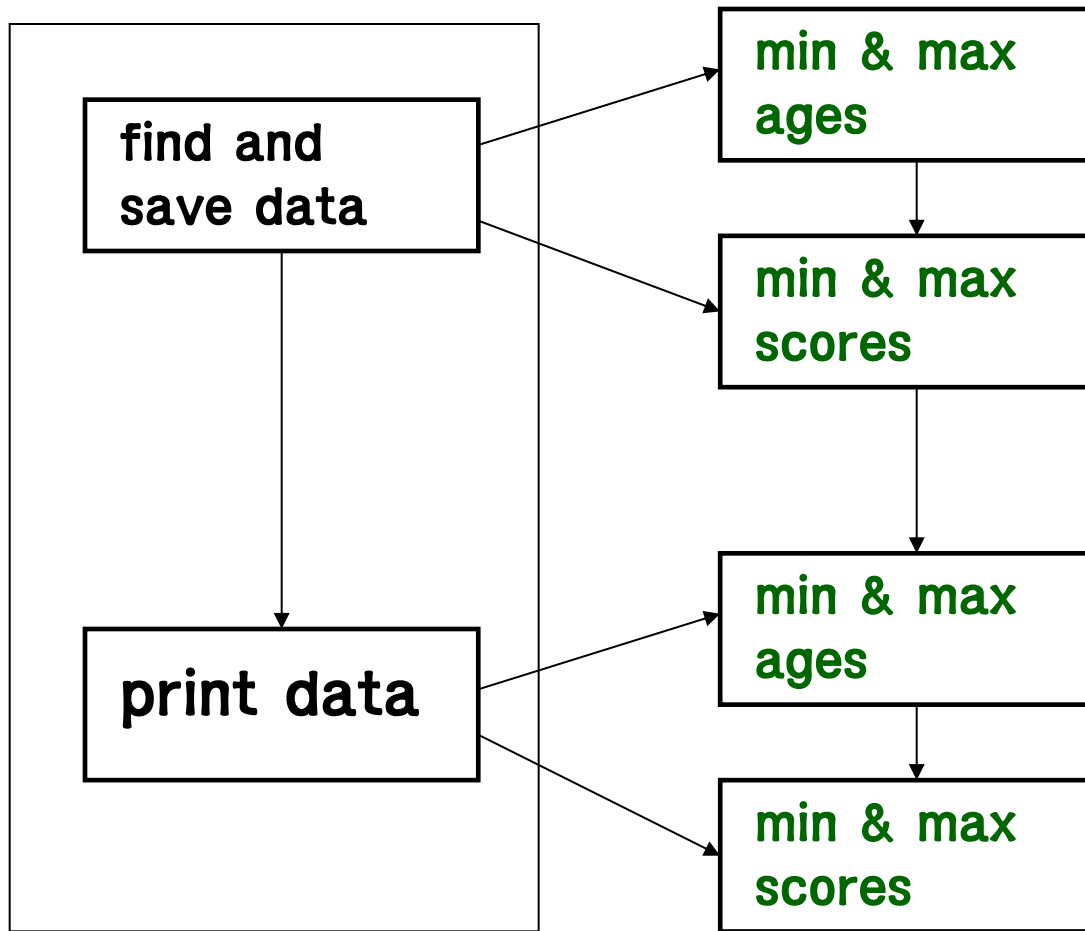


Outline a Solution

Loop through the age and score arrays
find and save
 max age, min age, max score, min score
/* due to ties, save max/min data in arrays */

Loop through the saved arrays
 print scores (for max age, min age)
 print ages (for max score, min score)

Flow Graph





Form a Program Structure

declarations

main

```
for loop (0 through 99)  
    find & save max ages;  
    find & save min ages;  
    find & save max scores;  
    find & save min scores;
```

```
for loop (0 through min/max counts)  
    print scores for max age;  
    print scores for min age;  
    print ages for max score;  
    print ages for min score;
```



Write a Program Outline: Pseudo Code

```
for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {  
    if age[i] > maxage {  
        /* new max age found */  
    }  
    else if age[i] = maxage {  
        /* tie max age found */  
    }  
  
    .... /* for minage, maxscore, minscore */  
}
```

```
for (i=0; i <= maxagecnt; i=i+1)  
    printf ("score for an oldest student = %d", maxage array );  
  
.... /* print for min age, max score, min score arrays */
```



Write the Program – 1

```
for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {  
    if (age[i] > maxage) {  
        maxage = age[i];           /* new max age found */  
        maxagecnt = 0;  
        maxagegrp[maxagecnt] = i;  
    }  
    else if (age[i] == maxage) {  
        maxagecnt = maxagecnt + 1; /* tie max age found */  
        maxagegrp[maxagecnt] = i;  
    }  
  
    ....  
}  
  
for (i=0; i <= maxagecnt; i=i+1)  
    printf ("score for an oldest student = %d", score[maxagegrp[i]]);
```

....

Write the Program – 2 (1/2)

```
int maxage=-1, minage=1000;
int maxscore=-1, minscore=1000;
int maxagecnt, minagecnt, maxscorecnt, minscorecnt;
int age[100], maxagegrp[100], minagegrp[100];
int score[100]; maxscoregrp[100], minscoregrp[100];
int i;

for (i=0; i<100; i=i+1) {
    if (age[i] > maxage) {
        maxage = age[i];           /* new max age found */
        maxagecnt = 0;
        maxagegrp[maxagecnt] = i; /* save the age index */
    }
    else if (age[i] == maxage) {
        maxagecnt = maxagecnt + 1; /* tie max age found */
        maxagegrp[maxagecnt] = i; /* save the age index */
    }

    .... /* for minage, maxscore, minscore */
}
```



Write the Program – 2 (2/2)

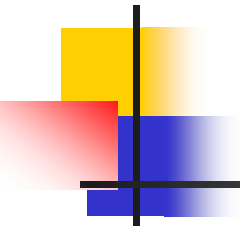
```
for (i=0; i <= maxagecnt; i=i+1)
    printf ("score for an oldest student = %d", score[maxagegrp[i]]);

.... /* print for maxscoregrp, minscoregrp */
```



Exercise

- Complete the example program and run it, using two different sets of data.
- (* Make each array a 5-element integer array.)
- (* Enter some "-1" in the array. Be careful with your 'find max' or 'find min' code.)



Problem Solving Approach: Tiny Example 2

Another Tiny Problem

■ Slot machine program

- Generate random numbers using srand(), time(), rand() functions.
- There are 3 slots. Each slot may have BAR, BELL, LEMON, CHERRY.
- The winnings are determined as follows:
 - CHERRY in all 3 slots: JACKPOT
 - CHERRY in any one slot: One Dime
 - same symbols (other than CHERRY) in all 3 slots: NICKEL
- When the user presses “enter”, run the slot machine program.
- Expected output:

```
Welcome to KW Land  
Please pull the slot machine !!
```

```
First is CHERRY  
Second is LEMON  
Third is LEMON
```

```
Paid out : One Dime  
Press any key to continue
```

```
Welcome to KW Land  
Please pull the slot machine !!
```

```
First is BAR  
Second is BAR  
Third is BAR
```

```
Paid out : One Nickel  
Press any key to continue
```

Understand the Problem

A slot machine has 3 slots.

Each slot has 4 possible outcomes:

BAR, BELL, LEMON, CHERRY

Each outcome is random.

3 slots produce outcomes concurrently.

(e.g. BAR LEMON BAR
 CHERRY CHERRY BAR
 BAR BAR BAR)

winning rules:

CHERRY in all 3 slots:

JACKPOT

CHERRY in any one slot:

DIME

same outcome in all 3 slots:

NICKEL



Outline a Solution

Run the Slot Machine

- slot1 generates random outcome
(1 out of 4 possible outcomes).
- slot2 generates random outcome
(1 out of 4 possible outcomes).
- slot3 generates random outcome
(1 out of 4 possible outcomes).

Determine the Winning

- | | |
|------------------------------|---------|
| CHERRY in all 3 slots: | JACKPOT |
| CHERRY in any one slot: | DIME |
| same outcome in all 3 slots: | NICKEL |

Iterate Indefinitely





Flow Graph

- Draw a flow graph as exercise (at two different levels of detail)



Write a Program Outline

Run the Slot Machine

slot1: call rand() (range 1-4)
assign outcome to slot1
(* equate 4 outcomes to 4 integers *)

slot2: call rand() (range 1-4)
assign outcome to slot2
slot3: call rand() (range 1-4)
assign outcome to slot3

Determine the Winning

if slot1=CHERRY and slot2=CHERRY
and slot3=CHERRY (JACKPOT)
if slot1=CHERRY or slot2=CHERRY or slot3=CHERRY (DIME)
if slot1=slot2=slot3 and slot1!=CHERRY (NICKEL)
otherwise "NO WINNING"

Iterate Indefinitely



Write a Program Outline

initialize rand()

equate 4 outcomes to 4 integers

declare int slot1, slot2, slot3

Iterate Indefinitely

Run the Slot Machine (take any char as input)

slot1: call rand() (range 1-4)

assign outcome to slot1

slot2: call rand() (range 1-4)

assign outcome to slot2

slot3: call rand() (range 1-4)

assign outcome to slot3

Determine the Winning

if slot1=CHERRY and slot2=CHERRY

and slot3=CHERRY (JACKPOT)

if slot1=CHERRY or slot2=CHERRY or slot3=CHERRY (DIME)

if slot1=slot2=slot3 and slot1!=CHERRY (**NICKEL**)

otherwise "NO WINNING"



Code Each Key Component

```
#define BAR 1
#define BELL 2
#define LEMON 3
#define CHERRY 4
#define RMAX 4
initialize rand()
```

```
slot1 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;
slot2 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;
slot3 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;
```

```
if (slot1==slot2 && slot2==slot3 && slot1==CHERRY)
    printf ("Congratulations On A JACKPOT");
else if (slot1==CHERRY || slot2==CHERRY || slot3==CHERRY)
    printf ("Paid Out: One DIME");
else if (slot1==slot2 && slot2==slot3)
    printf ("Paid Out: One Nickel");
else printf ("Sorry. Better Luck Next Time");
```



Write the Program - 1

```
void main() {  
  
    srand(time());  
    printf ("type any key to start the slot machine");  
    scanf ("%c", &anykey);  
  
    slot1 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;  
    slot2 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;  
    slot3 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;  
  
    if (slot1==slot2 && slot2==slot3 && slot1==CHERRY)  
        printf ("Congratulations On A JACKPOT");  
    else if (slot1==CHERRY || slot2==CHERRY || slot3==CHERRY)  
        printf ("Paid Out: One DIME");  
    else if (slot1==slot2 && slot2==slot3)  
        printf ("Paid Out: One Nickel");  
    else printf ("Sorry. Better Luck Next Time");  
}
```



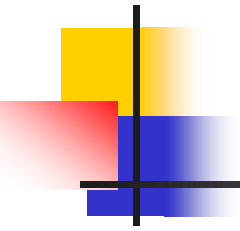

Write the Program – 2 (1/2)

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

```
#define BAR 1
#define BELL 2
#define LEMON 3
#define CHERRY 4
#define RMAX 4
```

Write the Program - 2 (2/2)

```
void main() {  
    int slot1, slot2, slot3;  
    char anykey;  
    while (1) {  
        printf ("type any key to start the slot machine");  
        scanf ("%c", &anykey);  
        srand(time());  
        slot1 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;  
        slot2 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;  
        slot3 = 1 + (int) rand() % RMAX;  
        if (slot1==slot2 && slot2==slot3 && slot1==CHERRY)  
            printf ("Congratulations On A JACKPOT");  
        else if (slot1==CHERRY || slot2==CHERRY || slot3==CHERRY)  
            printf ("Paid Out: One DIME");  
        else if (slot1==slot2 && slot2==slot3)  
            printf ("Paid Out: One Nickel");  
        else printf ("Sorry. Better Luck Next Time");  
    }  
}
```



End of Class