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Module – Embedded C Programming

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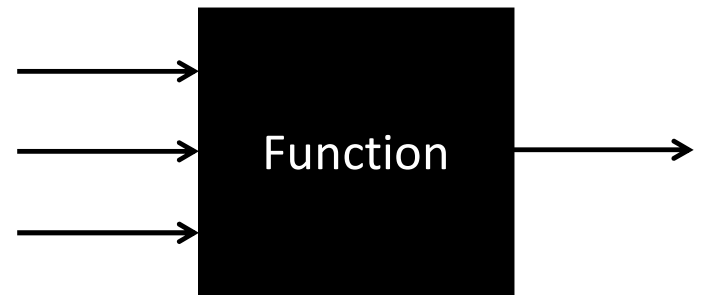


Functions

- C program is made up of one or more functions.
- C program contains at least one function i.e. `main()` function.
 - Execution of C program begins from main.
 - It returns exit status to the system.

- Advantages

- Reusability
- Readability
- Maintainability



- Function is set of instructions, that takes zero or more inputs (arguments) and return result (optional).
- Function is a black box.



Functions

- Each function has
 - Declaration
 <return type> <function name> (<list of type of arguments>);
 - Definition
 <return type> <function name> (<list of arguments>)
 {
 //body
 }
 - Call
 <function name>(<list of arguments>)
- A function can be called one or more times.
- Arguments
 - Arguments passed to function → Actual arguments
 - Arguments collected in function → Formal arguments
 - Formal arguments must match with actual arguments

Examples:

1. addition()
2. print_line()
3. factorial()
4. combination()



Functions

- Function Declaration

- Informs compiler about function name, argument types and return type.
- Usually written at the beginning of program (source file).
- Can also be written at start of calling function).
- Examples:
 - `float divide(int x, int y);`
 - `int fun2(int, int);`
 - `int fun3();`
 - `double fun4(void);`
 - `void fun5(double);`
- Declaration statements are not executed at runtime.

- Function Definition

- Implementation of function.
- Function is set of C statements.
- It process inputs (arguments) and produce output (return value).

```
float divide(int a, int b) {  
    return (float)a/b;  
}
```

- Function can return max one value.
- Function can be defined in another function.

- Function Call

- Typically function is called from other function one or more times.



Function execution

- When a function is called, function activation record/stack frame is created on stack of current process.
- When function is completed, function activation record is destroyed.
- Function activation record contains:
 - Local variables
 - Formal arguments
 - Return address
- Upon completion, next instruction after function call continue to execute.



Function types

- User defined functions
 - Declared by programmer
 - Defined by programmer
 - Called by programmer
- Library (pre-defined) functions
 - Declared in standard header files e.g. `stdio.h`, `string.h`, `math.h`, ...
 - Defined in standard libraries e.g. `libc.so`, `libm.so`, ...
 - Called by programmer
- `main()`
 - Entry point function – code perspective
 - User defined
 - System declared
 - `int main(void) {...}`
 - `int main(int argc, char *argv[]) {...}`



Recursion

- Function calling itself is called as recursive function.
- To write recursive function consider
 - Explain process/formula in terms of itself
 - Decide the end/terminating condition
- Examples:
 - $n! = n * (n-1)!$ $0! = 1$
 - $x^y = X * x^{y-1}$ $x^0 = 1$
 - $T_n = T_{n-1} + T_{n-2}$ $T_1 = T_2 = 1$
 - $\text{factors}(n) = 1^{\text{st}} \text{ prime factor of } n * \text{factors}(n)$



Recursion execution

<pre>int fact(int n) { int r; if(n==0) return 1; r = n * fact(n-1); return r; }</pre>	<pre>int fact(int n) { int r; if(n==0) return 1; r = n * fact(n-1); return r; }</pre>	<pre>int fact(int n) { int r; if(n==0) return 1; r = n * fact(n-1); return r; }</pre>	<pre>int fact(int n) { int r; if(n==0) return 1; r = n * fact(n-1); return r; }</pre>	<pre>int fact(int n) { int r; if(n==0) return 1; r = n * fact(n-1); return r; }</pre>	<pre>int fact(int n) { int r; if(n==0) return 1; r = n * fact(n-1); return r; }</pre>
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```
int main() {  
    int res;  
    res = fact(5);  
    printf("%d", res);  
    return 0;  
}
```

$5! = 5 * 4!$
 $4! = 4 * 3!$
 $3! = 3 * 2!$
 $2! = 2 * 1!$
 $1! = 1 * 0!$
 $0! = 1$



Storage class

	Storage	Initial value	Life	Scope
auto / local	Stack	Garbage	Block	Block
register	CPU register	Garbage	Block	Block
static	Data section	Zero	Program	Limited
extern / global	Data section	Zero	Program	Program

- Each running process have following sections:
 - Text
 - Data
 - Heap
 - Stack
- Storage class decides
 - Storage (section)
 - Life (existence)
 - Scope (visibility)
- Accessing variable outside the scope raise compiler error.



Storage class

- Local variables declared inside the function.
 - Created when function is called and destroyed when function is completed.
- Global variables declared outside the function.
 - Available through out the execution of program.
 - Declared using extern keyword, if not declared within scope.
- Static variables are same as global with limited scope.
 - If declared within block, limited to block scope.
 - If declared outside function, limited to file scope.
- Register is similar to local storage class, but stored in CPU register for faster access.
 - register keyword is request to the system, which will be accepted if CPU register is available.





Thank you!

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