



Revision (Pointers, Pointers and Arrays, and Structures)

Purpose:

This worksheet aims to revise the following topics: pointers, the relationship between pointers and arrays, and structures.

At the end of this worksheet, you will revise:

1. how to use pointers, and how to do pointer based C programming;
2. the relation between pointers and arrays;
3. how to do dynamic memory allocation;
4. how to use structures.

- 1) You are developing a database of measured meteorological data for use in weather and climate research. Define a structure type `measured_data_t` with components `site_id_num` (a four-digit integer), `wind_speed`, `day_of_month`, and `temperature`. Each site measures its data daily, at noon local time. Write a program that inputs a file of `measured_data_t` records and determines the site with the greatest variation in temperature (defined here as the biggest difference between extrema) and the site with the highest average wind speed for all the days in the file. You may assume that there will be at most ten sites. Test the program on the following July daily data collected over one week at three sites:

ID	Day	Wind Speed (knots)	Temperature (deg C)
2001	10	11	30
2001	11	5	22
2001	12	18	25
2001	13	16	26
2001	14	14	26
2001	15	2	25
2001	16	14	22
3345	10	8	29
3345	11	5	23
3345	12	12	23
3345	13	14	24
3345	14	10	24

- 2) Microbiologists estimating the number of bacteria in a sample that contain bacteria that do not grow well on solid media may use a statistical technique called the most probable number (MPN) method. Each of five tubes of nutrient medium receives 10 ml of the sample. A second set of five tubes receives 1 ml of sample per tube, and in each of a third set of five tubes, only 0.1 ml of sample is placed. Each tube in which bacterial growth is observed is recorded as a positive, and the numbers for the three groups are combined to create a triplet such as 5-2-1, which means that all five tubes receiving 10 ml of sample show bacterial growth, only two tubes in the 1-ml group show growth, and only one of the 0.1-ml group is positive. A microbiologist would use this combination-of-positives triplet as an index to a table like the table below to determine that the most probable number of bacteria per 100 ml of the sample is 70, and 95 percent of the samples yielding this triplet contain between 30 and 210 bacteria per 100 ml.

Define a structure type to represent one row of the MPN table. The structure will include one string component for the combination-of-positives triplet and three integer components in which to store the associated most probable number and the lower and upper bounds of the 95 percent confidence range. Write a program to implement the following algorithm for generating explanations of combination-of-positives triplets.

Combination of Positives	MPN Index/100 ml	95 percent Confidence Limits	
		Lower	Upper
4-2-0	22	9	56
4-2-1	26	12	65
4-3-0	27	12	67
4-3-1	33	15	77
4-4-0	34	16	80
5-0-0	23	9	86
5-0-1	30	10	110
5-0-2	40	20	140
5-1-0	30	10	120
5-1-1	50	20	150
5-1-2	60	30	180
5-2-0	50	20	170
5-2-1	70	30	210
5-2-2	90	40	250
5-3-0	80	30	250
5-3-1	110	40	300
5-3-2	140	60	360

- Load the MPN table from a file into an array of structures called `mpn_table`.
- Repeatedly get from the user a combination-of-positives triplet, search for it in the combination-of-positives components of `mpn_table`, and then generate a message such as: For 5-2-1, MPN = 70; 95% of samples contain between 30 and 210 bacteria/ml.
- Define and call the following functions.
 - `load_Mpn_Table` —Takes as parameters the name of the input file, the `mpn_table` array and its maximum size. Function opens the file, fills the `mpn_table` array, and closes the file. Then it returns the actual array size as the function result. If the file contains too much data, the function should store as much data as will fit, display an error message indicating that some data has been ignored, and return the array's maximum size as its actual size.
 - `search` —Takes as parameters the `mpn_table` array, its actual size, and a target string representing a combination-of-positives triplet. Returns the subscript of the structure whose combination-of-positives component matches the target or -1 if not found.

- 3) Write a program that aims to represent an RGB images and does some computations based on these. For this program you need to provide the following:
- Write a structure called **RGB_Image** that represents an RGB image – composed of three arrays (R, G and B) each with size of 5 by 5 pixels.
 - Write a function called **formRGBImage** that takes the number of images that will be created and then it dynamically creates an array of RGB images, randomly assigns integer values between 0 and 255 for each image (R, G and B) and then returns the array back to the main function.
 - Write a function called **AverageOfChannels** that takes an array structure, calculates and displays the average of R, G and B channels of each image.

Sample run can be as follows for the created 2 RGB images;

Image 1: R 26 118 60 82 118 109 136 123 77 75 11 225 230 160 182 166 168 179 119 51 35 58 102 154 97	Image 1: G 132 191 147 117 59 171 203 79 14 5 227 105 88 9 184 209 22 213 47 185 195 53 176 93 117	Image 1: B 4 185 90 24 62 64 31 78 125 24 180 216 32 192 116 59 160 14 160 150 251 203 236 224 96
Image 2: R 88 49 45 110 215 197 94 37 166 61 217 60 149 15 223 146 78 115 229 183 150 23 109 188 197	Image 2: G 179 230 53 56 223 180 91 170 218 122 62 215 40 136 136 85 182 226 76 163 41 54 115 191 106	Image 2: B 140 79 101 28 211 6 130 197 101 233 159 164 237 242 109 103 210 10 97 6 84 22 112 245 237

Enter the number of images you want: 2

Average of each channel of images are as follows:

Image 1: R=114, G=122, B=119
Image 2: R=126, G=134, B=131