## Principle of programming review

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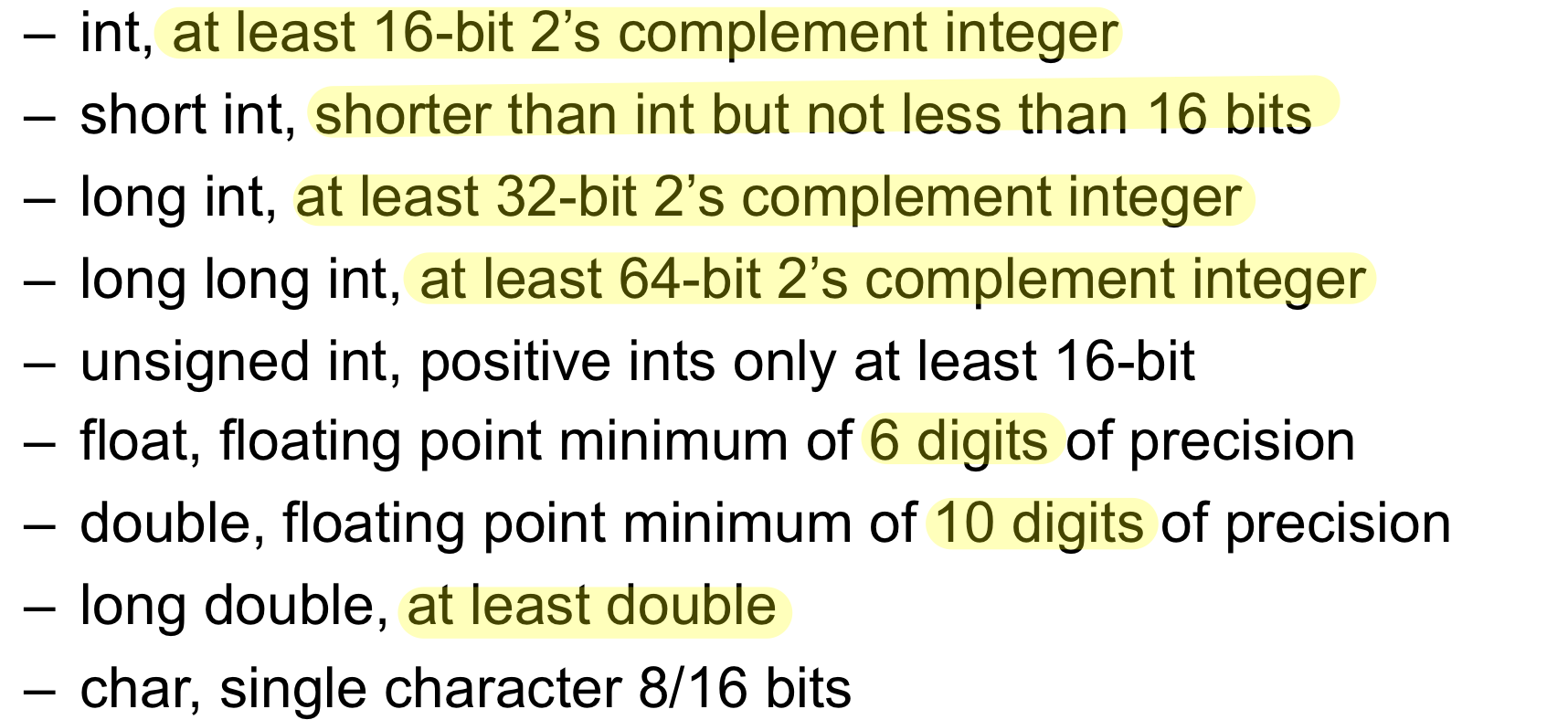
Type ::

—Type defines -Set of values belong to this type

-Set of operations that can be applied to the values

—Type checking confirms the use of values and types are correct

—Common type



Pointers ::

—Pointer is the memory address.

—Pointer variable holds the address of a value somewhere in the memory

—Size of pointer depends on machine, typically 64 bits.

—Benefits of pointer-based data structures.

—\* and / are not pointer’s operator.

Memory ::

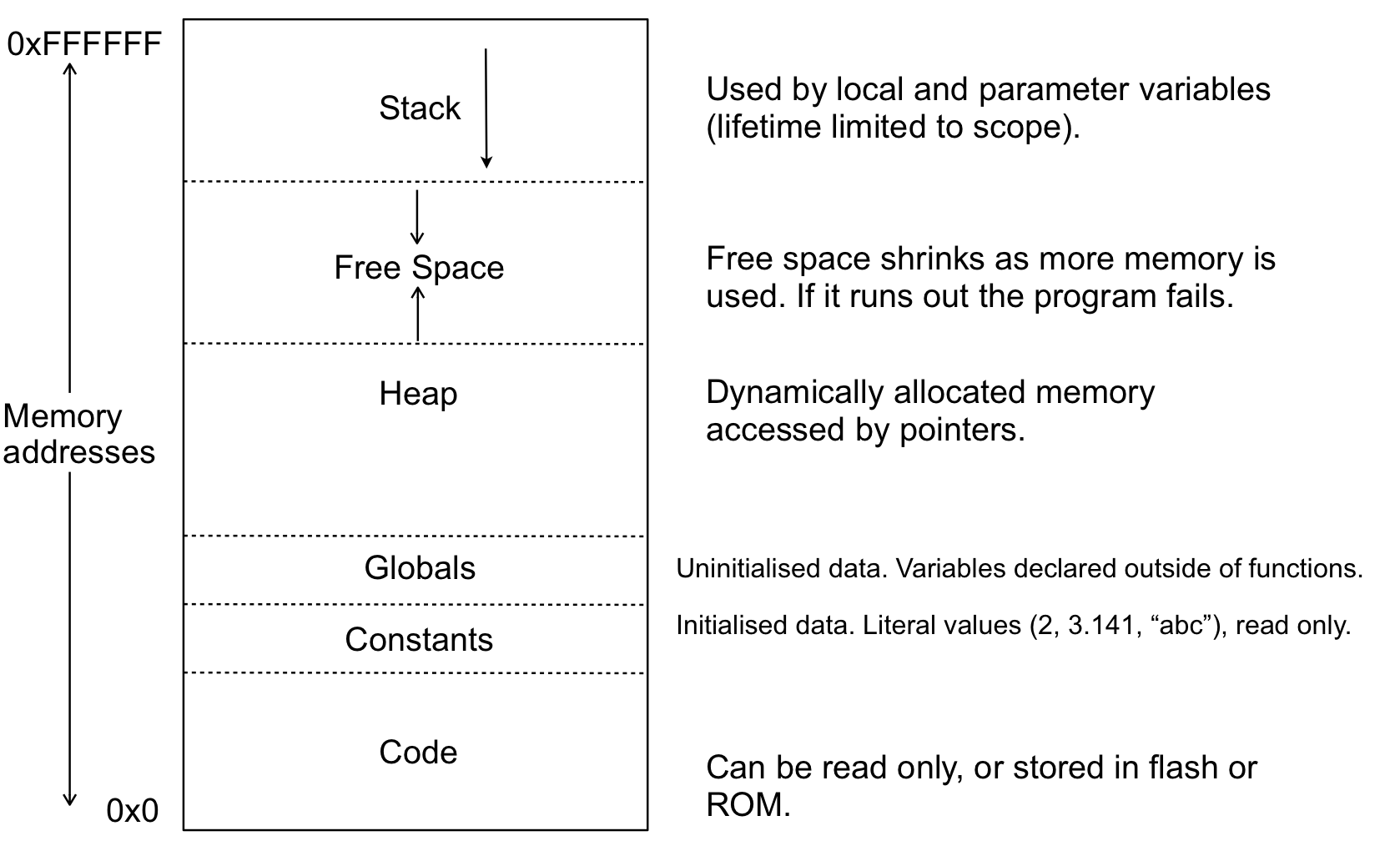
—(RAM)Random access memory|volatile(content lost when not powered)

—(Rom)Read only memory|non-volatile

—(EEROM)Erasable read only memory|non-volatile

—Flash memory|non volatile

—Cache memory|volatile

 \*remember this picture

-Two many function calls without returning will exhaust the memory because the stack grow too large

Arduino ::

—Arduino has no operation system

—A Bootloader allows program to be uploaded via the serial over the USB port

THREADS ::

—A thread is a sequence of control

(A sequence of function calls in C)

—C program can be multi-threaded

—Can have multi sequence of control

—Within the same process

—All threads share the same memory space, and that is why multi-thread is difficult to handle

Object File ::

—Called .o files(on Unix)

—Usually each .o file Is compiled into a .c file with the same name

—Contain relocatable binary code

—Processor and operation system specific

Linking ::

—Join all the .o and library files into a single executable program

—The address of all functions and local variables must be resolved (This is called identified and “linked up”)

—Every variable and function must be defined once

—Any undefined functions or variables will result in a link error

—All modern Unix implementations use dynamic linking

—linking Is done at runtime as functions in libraries are called

Library ::

—Contains precompiled but not linked code

—Intended to be reusable , for example, the standard C library

—Name lib<something>.so

Array and memory ::

char word[] = “hello”

—“hello” is a string literal stored in the constants section

of memory (read only).

—word[] is allocated memory In the stack if local, else in the globals section

—Initialisation copies the literal string Into the array memory

(Hence it is ok to change the value like word[1]=‘#’)

Char \*word=“hello”

—Word is a pointer to the read only memory

—So \*word+1 = ‘#’ is not allowed due to trying to write to a read only memory

Dynamic memory allocation

—Allocate memory for variables, arrays and data structures on the heap

—Memory will remain allocated until explicitly freed, regardless of function calls and scope

—The programmer has to manually manage the memory allocation

—Allocate when needed

—Free when no longer needed(Forget will cause memory leak)

The linked list ::

—Each node In the list store a value and a pointer to the next node

—The last node store a null pointer ‘\0’ or zero or NULL

—Struct allows a group of variables to be composed together into a single unit

—Implementation: Slide 9 Page 47

—Code: <https://paste.ofcode.org/MifviQuzbGvYLw3tEaRLXm>

Scope ::

—A name must be declared before it can be used

—The scope of a name determines where in the source code it is valid

—Use of a name not “in scope” potentially results in an error

—File scope:

-Declared outside of a function

-Within a file

-sort of global scope

-Start from the point of declaration

—Local scope:

-within a compound statement

-Start from the point of declaration

—Parameter variable can only be used inside the function body(a compound statement)

—Only exist while the function is running

—A parameter variable is a kind of local variable with special initialization rule

—Lifetime of local/parameter variable determined by scope

-Created when scope entered at runtime

-Destroyed when scope existed

-The stack behaviour

Heap Data

—The lifetime of data in the heap is determined by the programmer

-Using malloc/free

—Accessible only via pointers

-But pointer variables have their own scope and life time

—Lose a pointer will cause the data to be inaccessible but the memory remains allocated

**Definitions appeared in past exams**

**For C**

Variable lifetime

Time period during which a variable can be accessed

Linking

Method of combining multiple objects files into a single executable file

Pointer dereferences

To retrieve the value stored at the address of a pointer using the \* operator

Compound statement

A block of statements wrapped by a pair of curly brackets

Explain how true and false are represented by the C language

Something is false if it is evaluated to be equal to null. Otherwise it is true

**Scope**

The block or blocks of code in which a function or variable can accessed

**Heap memory**

A part of the computer memory that uses malloc and free to allocate and remove memory respectively

**Abstraction**

A technique for managing complexity of computer systems by establishing a level of complexity, supressing more complex details below the current level

**Cast expression**

**An expression that must be evaluated to an integral or enumerated type that is used in switch blocks**

**Stack frame(Activation record)**

**Is the collection of all data on the stack with one subprogram call**

**Local scope**

**Inside a compound statement(function or block)**

**Pointer arithmetic**

**++,--,+ and –(not \* and /)**

**Function definition**

**The name + statement sequence gives us a function (a procedure to do something)**

**In other words, function is a group of statement that together perform a task**

**Virtual memory**

**Memory that appears to exist as main storage although most of it is supported by data held in second storage, transfer between the two been made automatically as required**

**Free**

**Deallocate the memory previously allocate by a call to calloc, malloc and realloc**

**Variable declaration**

**Tell the compiler the name of the variable / The type of data the variable will hold**

**For Haskell**

**Typeclass**

A set of behaviours, which can be implemented for one of several types

**Tail recursion**

If the result of a recursive call is not processed, then it is a tail recursion

**Higher order function**

A function that takes a function as a parameter

**Basic type**

A type that is defined inside the prelude package

**Pre-condition**

**Side effect**

Functions and expressions said to have side effect if it modify the value of variables outside its local scope

**Operator section**

**Curry**

**Currying is the process of transforming a function that takes multiple arguments in a tuple as its argument, into a function that takes just a single argument and returns another function which accepts further arguments, one by one, that the original function would receive in the rest of that tuple.**

**Better understand of currying:** <https://stackoverflow.com/questions/36314/what-is-currying>

**Two reasons for using curry functions**

**Curry and uncurry functions**

Allows the creation of lambda functions and allows one to use partially applied functions to higher order functions such as map or filter

**Lazy evaluation**

Haskell will only evaluate when it needs to

**Polymorphic types**

A type that can represent multiple different types

**Pattern matching**

A way of allowing a function to operate differently under different input parameter

**Two kinds of pattern that can be matched using pattern matching**

List pattern, wildcard pattern