

## A lightning introduction to C programming:

- This is a ~2 lecture "crash course" in C programming
- **Prerequisite:** familiarity with a high-level programming language such as Python. Understanding of basic programming concepts such as variables, loops, if statements, representing values in different bases, etc...
- We won't get through all the slides in this crash course. But you'll have them for reference

#### Book and Tutorial:

- The C book: https://publications.gbdirect.co.uk//c\_book/ also can be found here: <a href="https://github.com/wardvanwanrooij/thecbook">https://github.com/wardvanwanrooij/thecbook</a>
- C Tutorial: C made easy <a href="https://www.cprogramming.com/tutorial.html">https://www.cprogramming.com/tutorial.html</a>

## easily-understandable, human readable instructions

#### Higher-level

machine details abstracted away

access to memory & other machine-level features

Python

Java

Translation: source code file interpreted every time program runs, into machine-understandable code of the host machine

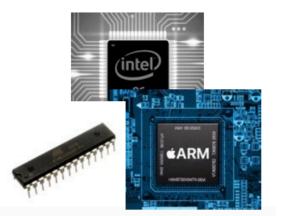
C

Translation: Source code <u>compiled</u> into a new <u>execu</u>table machine code file.

Assembly

Lower-level

machine code(binary/hex) understood by the CPU of the host machine



## Interesting Facts about C

- C++ is a superset/extension of C
- What is written in C? "System code" & applications:
  - Interpreters, operating systems (parts of Windows, macOS, Linux, iOS, etc..)
  - Interpreted languages: Python, Ruby, ...
  - Embedded processor control
  - DSP processors

#### C Features

- Access to memory locations, control over processor & hardware (different from Java, Python, which "hide" the machine)
- Portable code run on different machines. Common source code compiles down to code understandable by a specified target machine (CPU)
- Efficient few keywords, small code size, runs fast
- Modular code can effectively build larger programs from modules with encapsulated details
- External standard library handles I/O, math, string manipulations, and other capabilities
- "Never doubts the programmer" bugs in your code can result in strange behaviors; contrast higher languages that deliberately reduce impact of simple mistakes
- "C is quirky, flawed, and an enormous success." Ritchie

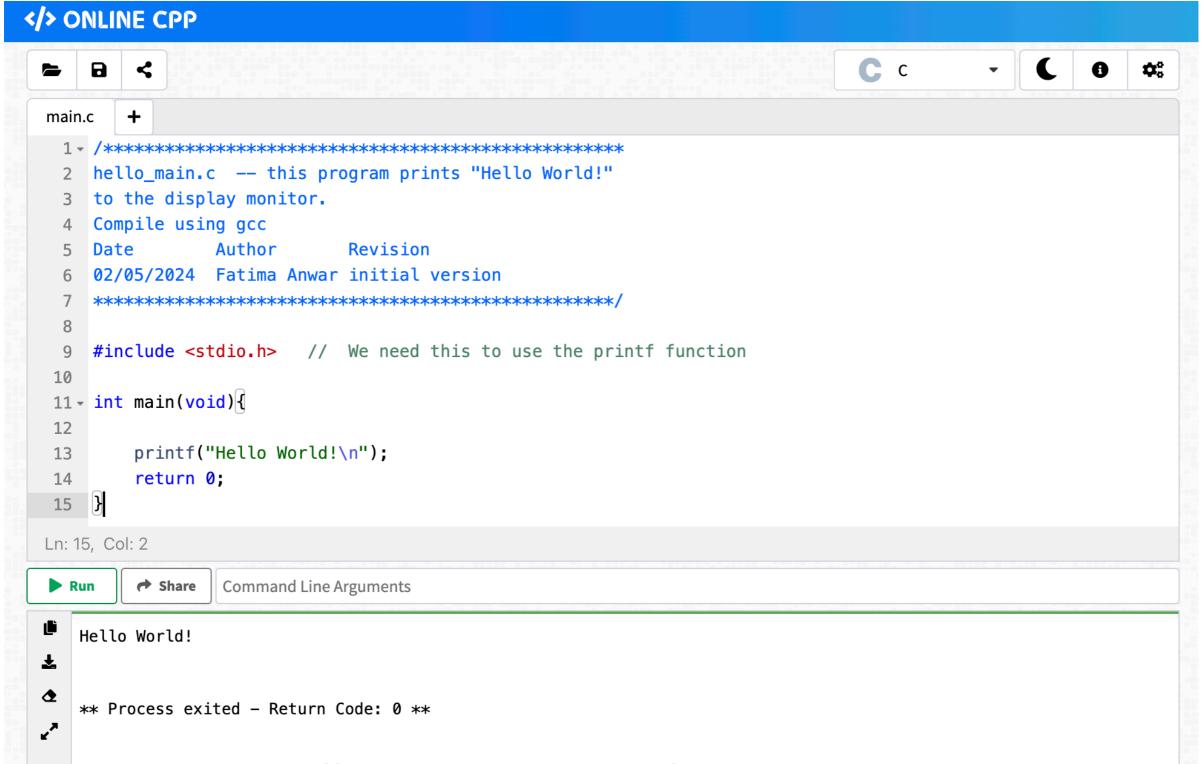
## Embedded Development Tools & Environment

- Integrated Development Environments (IDE's) 10's GB disk space
  - Examples:
    - Visual Studio (Microsoft, Windows 10 & MacOS)
    - Xcode (Apple, MacOS)
    - Eclipse
  - Integrated text editor with compiler, debugger
  - Convenient for large programs, steep learning curve
- IDEs for Embedded Programming
  - Microchip Studio, MPLABX (~10 GB)– AVR & PIC MCUS
  - Arduino 500-800 MB (for hobbyists, rapid prototypes, artists, etc...)
- Lighter weight option:
  - text editor, toolchain, command-line
    - less disk space
    - less time spent learning the software tool, more time learning to code
    - better understanding of what's actually happening to code

## Programming Environment for C

- Editor:
  - Visual Studio Code (Win, macOS)
- Command line interface/shell:
  - Terminal (macOS)
  - Command Prompt (Windows)
- Toolchains (compiler & supporting bin utils)
  - gcc compiler (for use with console) to compile code to run on your computers
    - clang (macOS) >> gcc --version, clang --version
    - MinGWx64 (Windows 10) >> gcc -v

## Online C Compiler



# C Program Structure what does a C program look like?

what are the key parts?

```
hello_main.c -- this program prints "Hello World!"
to the display monitor.
Compile using gcc
                                          BLOCK COMMENT
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#include <stdio. h> ← // We need this to use the printf function
                                  Preprocessor Directive #
int main(void){
                           Main Function
   printf("Hello World!\n");
                           Every C program should have it
   return 0;
                            "int"as return value
 ***** end
                  file ***************/
                  output & input from the standard I/O devices (monitor,
                  keyboard). These are function calls. Requires <stdio.h>
```

## Programming Style

```
programming style matters.
/* Comments */
{...} // Comments white space
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main(void){printf("Hi World!\n");return 0;}
```

Same code without white space

Don't Do This!

## Structure of a C program

```
/* about this program*/
    #include
    #define
function declarations;

int main(void)
{ statement;
```

block comments pre-processor directives & function declarations

```
int main(void)
{ statement;
 statement;
 ...
 return 0; }
```

main function header {main function definition}

```
function a()
{ statement;
    statement;
    ...
    return; }
```

return; }

function a header {function a definition}

function b()
{ statement;
 statement;
}

function b header
{function b definition}

4 types of C statements:

declaration assignment function call control

## Structure of a C program: FUNCTION

```
/* A function comment states what the function does,
not how it does it. Typically describe function inputs &
  output */

return_type function_name(arg1, arg2, ...){
    statement;
    statement;
    statement;
    return (something);
}

#include <stdio.h>
Function A();
Function B();
int main() {
    A();
    B();
}
```

function definition

function header – specifies function name, return type, # & types of arguments

function body

examples of function headers: int main(void) float square\_root(float) char answer()

All C programs are required to have a main() function. Program execution starts here.

#### **Function return type**

#### **Function Declaration**

```
#include <stdio.h>
/* Tell the compiter that we intend to use a function called show_message.
* It has no arguments and returns no value. This is the "declaration" */
void show_message(void);
/st Another function, but this includes the body of
* the function. This is a "definition" */
int main() {
                                    Input Arguments
  int count;
  count = 0;
 while(count < 10){</pre>
    show_message();
    count = count + 1;
  return 0;
/* The body of the simple function. This is now a "definition" */
void show_message(void) {
     printf("hello\n");
```

**Function Definition** 

```
Arithmetic library
                                     int main() {
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                                         int num1, num2;
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                                         printf("Enter two numbers: ");
**************
                                         scanf("%d %d", &num1, &num2);
#include <stdio.h>
                                         printf("Sum: %d\n", add(num1, num2));
// Function to perform addition
                                         printf("Difference: %d\n", subtract(num1, num2));
int add(int a, int b) {
                                         printf("Product: %d\n", multiply(num1, num2));
                                         printf("Quotient: %.2f\n", divide (num1, num2));
    return a + b;
                                         if (isEven (num1)) {
                                            printf("The first number is even\n");
// Function to perform subtraction
int subtract (int a, int b) {
                                         else {
    return a - b;
                                            printf("The first number is odd\n");
                                         return 0;
// Function to perform multiplication
int multiply(int a, int b)*{
    return a * b;
// Function to perform division
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float divide (int a, int b) {
   if (b != 0) {
                                    Enter two numbers: -5 -7
        return (float)a / b;
                                    Sum: -12
    } else {
                                    Difference: 2
        printf("Error: Division by zeProduct: 35
        return 0;
                                    Quotient: 0.71
                                    The first number is odd
// Even/Odd check function
int isEven (int number) {
    return number % 2 == 0;
```

## C Program Structure - Summary

- All C programs must have a main() function
- Preprocessor directives begin with #. They are not C statements
- You need to declare the names of things (variables, functions, structures, ...)
   before you can use them
- Types of statements in C that end with a semicolon;

```
• Function call: printf("hello\n"); square(5.5);
```

- Declaration: int x;
- Assignment: x=x+1;
- Control: if (x > 100) printf("Happy Birthday\n");
- Coding w/o comments is cruel. It's allowed in C. But not in ECE-231
- Use good names for variables, functions, etc.... (int x vs int current time)
- Function declaration:

```
int square(int);
```

Function definition:

```
int square(int x) {
    return (x*x);
}
```

## **Data Types and Declarations**

Variables and Constants
Types of data
Size of data

#### Names of functions and variables

#### Requirements:

- Names must be declared before they are used
  - int x; before x=..
  - int myFunction(int); before x=myFunc(5);
- Names are case sensitive: myage, myAge, MYAGE are all different
- First character must be \_ or letter
- May not assign a C keyword (eg, int, float, struct, return, etc...)

#### Good programming style:

- Use descriptive names
- Don't begin with \_ to avoid confusion with special identifiers
- Use ALLCAPS for symbolic constants (eg, #define PI 3.14)

## Data types in C

- numeric
  - <u>integer</u> (4, -36, -9909) no fractional part
  - <u>floating point (98.6, 6.02e-23)</u> decimal point
- characters
  - 'a', 'b' etc... also small integers -128, -127, ...0, 1, ... 127
- arrays of integers, floats, characters (strings)
- 4, -36, 09909, 98.6, 6.02e-23. 'a', 'z' are all called literals.
   (Sometimes also called "constants" since they have fixed value in a program)

#### Variables and Constants

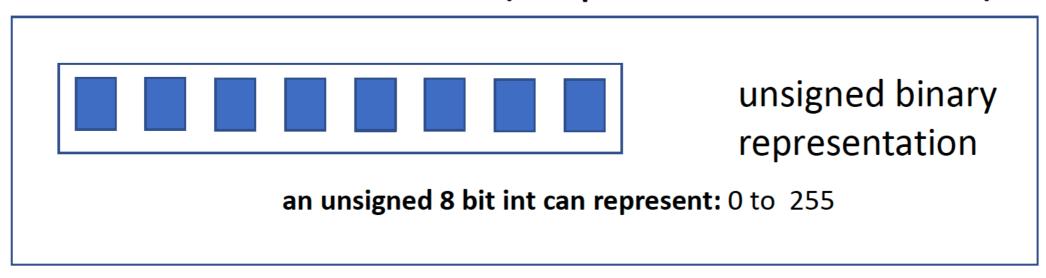
```
#define PI 3.14
                             // Macro or symbolic constant
int x, y;
                             // Int variables declared
float z;
                             // Float variable declared
int x=50;
                             // Int declared & initialized
float z = 98.6
                             // Float declared & initialized
char a = 'G';
                             // Declare, init a as char
const int x = 50;
                             // Declare, init x as constant int
                            // Declare some short ints
short int a,b,c;
                            // Declare some unsigned ints
unsigned int d,e;
char my[] = "Hi There"; // Declare & initialize char array
```

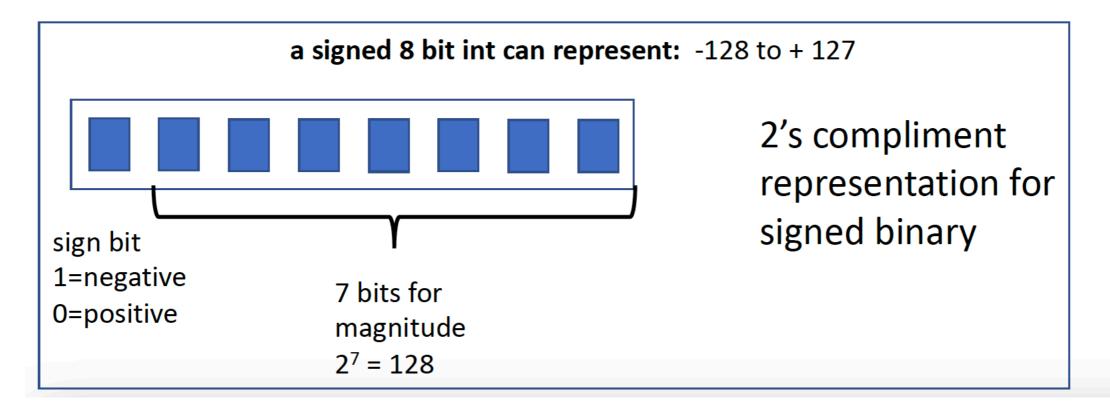
```
data_types.c -- this program prints different data
types to display monitor.
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*****************
#include <stdio.h>
                    fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
int main(void){
                    ch = A, i = 0
                    f = 1.100000, ff=3.141590000000000
   char ch = 'A';
   int i = 0;
   float f = 1.1;
   double ff = 3.14159;
   printf("ch = %c, i = %d n", ch, i);
   printf("f = %f, ff=%.15f\n", f, ff);
   return 0;
 ********** end of file ***************
```

## Integer declaration with initialization

```
int x=100;
signed int x= -100;
unsigned int x=100;
short int x= -100;
unsigned short int x=100;
long x= -100;
unsigned long x=100;
```

# 8Bits = 1 byte; 2<sup>8</sup>=256 combinations (representations)





## Integer Types

1 byte; 8 bits;  $2^8 = 256$  different values

- signed: -128 to +127
- unsigned: 0 to 255
- 2 bytes; 16 bits;  $2^{16} = 65,636$
- signed: -32,768 to +32,767
- unsigned: 0 to 65, 535
- 4 bytes: 32 bits;  $2^{32} = 4,294,967,296$
- 8 bytes: 64 bits;  $2^{64} = 1.844674 \times 10^{19}$

#### standard types

signed char
unsigned char
short int
signed short int
unsigned short int
signed int
unsigned int
long int
signed long int
unsigned long int

different widths (bytes) & sign representations means different min & max values.

## Type range and formatting

Data type	Size(bytes)	Range	Format String
char	1	-128 to 127	%с
unsigned char	1	0 to 255	%с
short	2	-32,768 to 32,767	%d
unsigned short	2	0 to 65535	%u
int	2	32,768 to 32,767	%d
unsigned int	2	0 to 65535	%u
long	4	-2147483648 to +2147483647	%ld
Unsinged long	4	0 to 4294967295	%lu
float	4	-3.4e-38 to +3.4e-38	%f
double	8	1.7 e-308 to 1.7 e+308	% If
long double	10	3.4 e-4932 to 1.1 e+4932	%lf

Use sizeof function call to find the size of a variable, variable type, and literal for a particular C installation e.g. sizeof (double)

```
***********************************
This program records one time value and prints in
seconds and nanoseconds
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                                                        struct timespec {
time_t tv_sec;
#include<stdio.h>
                                                           long tv_nsec;
#include<time.h>
                                                        };
int main(){
   struct timespec now1, now2;
   clock_gettime(CLOCK_REALTIME, &now1);
   clock_gettime(CLOCK_MONOTONIC, &now2);
   printf("Current real time is: %lu sec and %lu nanoseconds\n", now1.tv_sec, now1.tv_nsec);
   printf("Current monotonic time is: %lu sec and %lu nanoseconds\n", now2.tv_sec,
now2.tv_nsec);
```

```
fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
Current real time is: 1707273943 sec and 200157000 nanoseconds
Current monotonic time is: 30382 sec and 291603000 nanoseconds
```

## why do we care?

```
long double temperature[1000]; // Declares an array of 1000 long doubles. 8kB if // each long double is 8 bytes wide

short int temperature[1000]; // Declares an array of 1000 short ints. // 1kB if each short int is 1 byte wide
```

your laptop has GB of RAM your ATmega328P chip has 2kB RAM

the issue: different compilers are free to set their own widths, provided widths follow a general specification:

short  $\leq$  int  $\leq$  long; int  $\geq$  16 bits; long  $\geq$  32 bits, etc...

## C Operators

Arithmetic Relational Logical Bitwise

## Arithmetic Operators

```
• =, +, -, *, /
               // Just what you'd expect
• %
                // Modulo 4%2 is 0; 4%3 is 1
Examples:
  a = b+50; // Set a = result of b+50
  c = a*b; // Set c = a*b
  x = x+1; // Increment x
           // Shorthand for x=x+1
  x++;
  x = x-1; // Decrement x
          // Shorthand for x=x-1
  x--;
  a = 4/2; // a = 2
  a = 4\%2; // a = 0
  a = 4%3; // a = 1
```

## Shorthand Arithmetic Operators

```
// x=x+1;
x++;
         // x=x-1;
X--;
x+=50; // x=x+50;
    // x=x-a;
x-=a;
x*=a; // x=x*a;
x/=a; // x=x/a;
x%=a; // x=x%a;
         // y=x; x=x+1; postfix increment
y=x++;
         // y=x; x=x-1; postfix decrement
y=x--;
y=++x; // x=x+1; x=y; prefix increment
y=-x; // x=x-1; x=y; prefix increment
```

### Practice Exercises

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
   int a,b;
   a = b = 5;
   printf("%d\n", ++a+5);
   printf("%d\n", a);
   printf("%d\n", b++ +5);
   printf("%d\n", b);
   return 0;
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
                        /* degrees Fahrenheit */
#define BOILING 212
int main() {
  float f_var; double d_var; long double l_d_var;
  int i;
 i = 0;
 printf("Fahrenheit to Centigrade\n");
 while(i <= BOILING){</pre>
    l_d_var = 5*(i-32);
    l_d_var = l_d_var/9;
    d_var = l_d_var;
    f var = l d var;
    printf("%d %f %f %Lf\n", i, f_var, d_var, l_d_var);
    i = i+1;
  return 0;
```

## Mixed type Arithmetic

```
int n int=5
int d int=2;
int q int = n int/d int; // 5/2 = 2
int m int = n int%d int; //5%2 = 1 (modulo)
float n float = 2.0;
float d float = 5.0;
float q float = n float/d float; // 5.0/2.0 = 2.5
// Implicit type conversion:
// Explicit type conversion:
q_{float} = (float) n_{int/d_float} // 5.0/2 = 5.0/2.0 = 2.5
```

```
/*********************
This program measures time difference of a sleep
event
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*******************
#include<stdio.h>
#include <unistd.h>
#include<time.h>
int main(){
   struct timespec start;
   struct timespec end;
   long elapsed time in nanosec;
   long elapsed nanos;
   double elapsed_time_in_sec;
   long elapsed time;
   clock_gettime(CLOCK_REALTIME, &start);
   sleep(5); // sleeps for specified seconds
   clock_gettime(CLOCK_REALTIME, &end);
   elapsed nanos = end.tv nsec - start.tv nsec;
   elapsed_time_in_nanosec = (end.tv_sec - start.tv_sec)*100000000 + elapsed nanos;
   elapsed_time_in_sec = elapsed_time_in_nanosec / 1000000000.0;
   elapsed time = (long) elapsed time in sec;
   printf("Elapsed time is: %lf seconds and %lu nanoseconds\n", elapsed_time_in_sec, elapsed_nanos);
   printf("Elapsed time is: %lu seconds and %lu nanoseconds\n", elapsed_time, elapsed_nanos);
   return 0;
```

```
fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
Elapsed time is: 5.003983 seconds and 3983000 nanoseconds
Elapsed time is: 5 seconds and 3983000 nanoseconds
```

## Relational Operators

- Equality ==
- inequality !=
- <, ≤, >, ≥

produce a boolean result (1 if true 0 if false)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  int ch;
  ch = getchar();
  while(ch != 'a'){
    if(ch != '\n')
      printf("ch was %c, value %d\n", ch, ch);
    ch = getchar();
  return 0;
```

```
fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out c ch was c, value 99 d ch was d, value 100 g ch was g, value 103 t ch was t, value 116 a ___
```

```
/* program that generates prime numbers.*/
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  int this_number, divisor, not_prime;
  this_number = 3;
 while(this_number < 10){</pre>
    divisor = this_number / 2;
    not_prime = 0;
    while(divisor > 1) {
      if(this_number % divisor == 0){
        not_prime = 1;
        divisor = 0;
                                  [fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
                                    is a prime number
      else
                                  5 is a prime number
        divisor = divisor-1;
                                    is a prime number
    if(not_prime == 0)
      printf("%d is a prime number\n", this_number);
    this_number = this_number + 1;
  return 0;
```

### Logical Operators

#### combine results of relational operations

```
• && means AND 1&&1=1; 1&&10=1; 10&&0=0
```

• II means OR 1||1=1; 1||0=1; 10||0=1

• ! means NOT !1=0; !0=1; !10=0

#### **Control Structures**

Conditionals Loops Statement

#### Control Structures

- if
- if-else
- for loop
- while loop
- do while loop
- switch statement

#### 

curly braces vertically aligned; easier to read.

first curly brace in line with condition; saves space but harder to read.

which style to use? Either. Pick one and be consistent with it in your coding.

# if/else control structure

curly braces vertically aligned – easier to read.

first curly brace in line with condition. Saves space but harder braces to read.

which style to use? Either. Pick one and be consistent with it in your coding.

# if/else-if/else control structure

```
if (condition1)
                           if (condition1){
                           } else if (condition2){
else if (condition2)
                           } else {
else
```

```
if-statement.c -- this program perform arithmetic
operations based on conditional statements and
prints their results
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*****************
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
   int a = 0, b = 0, x, xx, yy;
   // Assuming a and b are already defined
   // or you can take input for them
   if (a >= b) {
      x = 0;
   if (a >= b + 1){
      xx = 0;
                            fatimas-mbp:C programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
                             x = 0, xx = 100, yy = 200
      yy = -1;
   else {
      xx = 100;
      yy = 200;
   // Display the values of x, xx, and yy
   printf("x = %d, xx = %d, yy= %d\n", x, xx, yy);
   return 0;
```

# while loop

```
keep looping as long condition is
while (condition) {
                                   true (true means condition
                                   evaluates to a non-zero value)
example:
i = 0;
while (i < 10) {
      printf("This is iteration %d\n", i);
      i++;
             what happens if we don't have i++?
             while (1) {;}? Infinite loops
```

# do loop

```
keep looping as long condition is
do {
                                     true (true means condition
                                     evaluates to a non-zero value)
} while (condition)
                                    This structure will always
                                     execute the {...} block at least
                                     once.
example:
i = 0;
do {
      printf("This is iteration %d\n", i);
       i++;
} while (i < 10)
```

Here's the mistake many people make:

```
a = 10
b = 20
if (a=b) {
  print("They're equal!");
} else {
  print("They're not equal\n)
}
```

C language philosophy: trust the programmer. C will let you really screw up!

### for loop

```
for (initialization; condition; update) {
example:
for (i = 1; i < 10; i++) {
     printf("This is iteration %d\n", i);
}
       initialization, condition, update are all optional!
       for(;;){;}? Infinite loop
```

```
\/************************
for-statement.c -- this program performs
operations using for statement and prints the
results
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******************
#include <stdio.h>
                           fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
                           The sum from 1 to 19 is: 190
int main() {
   int s, i, n;
   // compute s = 1 + 2 + ... + n
   n = 19;
   s = 0;
   for (i = 1; i \le n; i++){
       s += i;
   // Display the value of s
   printf("The sum from 1 to %d is: %d\n", n, s);
   return 0;
```

#### break & continue

- break control is exited from the construct (loop, struct) immediately
- continue control is passed to the beginning of the construct (loop statement)

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
  int i;
  for (i = -10; i < 10; i++) {
                                  [fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
    if (i == 0)
                                   -1.500000
      continue;
                                   -1.666667
    printf("%f\n", 15.0/i);
                                   -1.875000
    /*
                                   -2.142857
     * Lots of other statements
                                   -2.500000
     */
                                   -3.000000
                                   -3.750000
  return 0;
                                   -5.000000
                                   -7.500000
                                   -15.000000
                                   15.000000
                                   7.500000
                                   5.000000
                                  3.750000
                                  3.000000
                                   2.500000
                                   2.142857
                                   1.875000
                                   1.666667
```

## Nested for loops and functions

```
#include <stdio.h>
void pmax(int first, int second);
int main() {
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      int i, j;
                                           largest of -10 and -10 is -10
      for (i = -10; i \le 10; i++) {
                                           largest of -10 and -9 is -9
             for (j = -10; j \le 10; j++)
                                           largest of -10 and -8 is -8
                 pmax(i,j);
                                           largest of -10 and -7 is -7
                                           largest of -10 and -6 is -6
                                           largest of -10 and -5 is -5
      return 0;
                                           largest of -10 and -4 is -4
                                           largest of -10 and -3 is -3
                                           largest of -10 and -2 is -2
void pmax(int a1, int a2) {
                                           largest of -10 and -1 is -1
  int biggest = (a1 > a2) ? a1: a2;
                                           largest of -10 and 0 is 0
  printf("largest of %d and %d is %d\n"
                                           largest of 	extstyle -10 and 	extstyle 1 is 	extstyle 1
     a1, a2, biggest);
```

#### Switch statement

```
Switch (expression) { \\expression must be of type int, char
     case label 1: \\if label matches the expression,
          statement 1 \\execute this statement.
          break
     case label 2:
          statement 2
                                      Notes:
     default:
                                      Substitute for long if statements
          statement n
                                      Cases should be unique
                                      break is optional
                                      default case is optional
Example:
switch (letter){
  case 'N':
     printf("New York\n");
     break;
  default:
     printf("Somewhere else\n");
     break;
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Message printing function
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#include <stdio.h>
void message(int message_number) {
   switch (message_number) {
       case 1:
          printf("Hello World\n");
          break;
       case 2:
          printf("Goodbye World\n");
          break;
       default:
          printf("unknown message\n");
          break;
                        fatimas-mbp:C_programs fatimanwar$ ./a.out
                        Hello World
                        Goodbye World
int main() {
                        unknown message
   int x = 2;
   message(1); /* What will happen? */
   message(x);
   message(0);
   return 0;
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/* C Program to create a simple calculator using switch
statement */
#include <stdio.h>
int main(){
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   char choice; // switch variable
                                          Enter the Operator (+,-,*,/)
   int x, y; // operands
   while (1) {
                                          Enter the two numbers: 1 2
       printf("Enter the Operator (+,-,*,/1 + 2 = 3)
       scanf(" %c", &choice);
                                          Enter the Operator (+,-,*,/)
       printf("Enter the two numbers: ");
                                          Enter the two numbers: 4 6
       scanf("%d %d", &x, &y);
                                          4 - 6 = -2
       // switch case with operation for e Enter the Operator (+,-,*,/)
       switch (choice) {
         case '+':
                                          Enter the two numbers: -9 -8
             printf("%d + %d = %d\n", x,
                                             - -8 = -1
             break;
         case '-':
             printf("%d - %d = %d\n", x, y, x - y);
             break:
         case '*':
             printf("%d * %d = %d\n", x, y, x * y);
             break;
         case '/':
             printf("%d / %d = %d\n", x, y, x / y);
             break:
         default:
             printf("Invalid Operator Input\n");
```

return 0;