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# Outline

Functions, Arrays and Strings

# Arrays

- ▶ Collection of elements of same data type
- ▶ When declaring, square brackets are used to indicate that data is an array

- ▶ E.g. If marks of 10 students are to be stored

```
int marks[10];
```

- ▶ To get the marks of first student

```
printf("%d\n", a[0]);
```

- ▶ To set the marks of the 10<sup>th</sup> student as 65

```
a[9] = 65;
```

- ▶ We may also declare an array of roll numbers, to know who the n<sup>th</sup> student is

```
int rollno[10];
```

- ▶ It's also possible to logically group the rollno and marks as a structure, which is a topic of module 4

# Concept of an Array

- ▶ Each number 0, 1, 2 ... 9 is called **subscript** or **index**
- ▶ Square brackets are used for indexing
- ▶ Indexing starts from 0 and goes up to  $n-1$ , where  $n$  is the maximum size reserved for an array
- ▶ Initializing an array

```
int a[5] = {-2,-1,0,1,2};
```

- ▶ Can also be set individually after declaring

```
int a[5];  
a[0] = -2;  
a[1] = -1;
```

- ▶ If only one element is Initialized during declaration, all others will be set to zeroes

```
int a[5] = {-2,-1};
```

is same as

```
int a[5] = {-2,-1,0,0,0};
```

# Programming Example using Array

- ▶ Read 5 floating point values to an array a and then compute the sum

```
main()
{
    float a[5], sum = 0;
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<5; i++)
        scanf("%f", &a[i]);
    for (i=0; i<5; i++)
        sum += a[i];
}
```

- ▶ Extend it to find

1. Mean =  $\bar{a} = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^4 a_i}{5}$
2. Variance =  $\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum_{i=0}^4 (a_i - \bar{a})^2}{5}$

## Array of *char*

- ▶ Array of characters is also called a string
- ▶ Each element can store the ASCII code of the character
- ▶ Every string must end with a null character, which is `\0`
  - ▶ When printing the string, all the characters till `\0` will be printed
- ▶ E.g.

```
char quote1[20] = "Hello";  
char quote2[20] = {'H', 'e', 'l', 'l', 'o', '\0'};  
char quote3[20];  
quote3[0] = 'H';  
quote3[1] = 'e';  
quote3[2] = 'l';  
quote3[3] = 'l';  
quote3[4] = 'o';  
quote3[5] = '\0';
```

- ▶ `quote1` and `quote2` mean exactly the same. But in `quote3`, we need to specify the null character explicitly

# Printing and Reading Strings

- ▶ Use the conversion specifier %s when reading and printing  
`printf("%s", quote1);`
- ▶ & operator is not required in this case, since specifying the array name implies the address of the string.

`scanf("%s", quote2);`

# Function

- ▶ Provides a convenient way to encapsulate a computation
- ▶ Can later be used without worrying about its implementation
  - ▶ `printf()`, `sqrt()` etc.
- ▶ E.g. Define a function to calculate power ( $x^y$ )

```
int power(int x, int y)
{
    int i, p = 1;
    for (i = 1; i <= y; i++)
        p = p*x;
    return p;
}
```



# Syntax of function definition

```
return-type function-name(parameter declarations, if any)
{
    declarations
    statements
}
```

- ▶ Function definitions may appear
  - ▶ in any order
  - ▶ in one source file or several