

VG101: Introduction to Computer and Programming

Week7 Checklist

A short introduction about Linux

History

- DOS vs. Unix
 - DOS -> MS-DOS -> Windows
 - Unix: MINIX, Linux, macOS
- CLI (Command Line Interface) vs. GUI (Graphical User Interface)

Some useful command in command line (Bash)

- `.`
- `..`
- `cd : cd pathname` : change directory
- `ls : ls directory` : list files & folders under a directory
- `mkdir : mkdir dir` : make directory
- `rmdir : rmdir dir` : remove directory
- `rm : rm file` : remove file
- `cat : cat file` : concatenate files
- `diff : diff file1 file2` : compare the difference of two files
- `pwd` : print working directory
- `man` : open manual page
- `apt-get install xxx` (for Ubuntu) or `brew install xxx` (for macOS)
- `./executable_filename`

Compiling in command line

- What does "compile" mean?
- Compiler
 - `gcc`
 - `clang`
- Command:
 - `gcc -o executable_filename source_code_filename.c`
 - May add some options for compiling
- Example
 - Compiling command on JOJ: `gcc -O2 -Wall -Wextra -Werror -pedantic -Wno-`

```
unused-result -std=c11 -o /out/helloworld /in/helloworld.c -lm
```

- Text + Command Line Compiling vs. IDE

Overview C

C

- A Lower-level higher-level language.
- A procedure-oriented programming language.
- Good for system programming.

C and C++

- C++ is based on C.
- C++ is An object-oriented programming language.
- C++ integrates many modern programming ideas.

Before we start

- Be prepared to get rid of bad programming habits.
- Submitting program on JOJ that result to an error = Submitting nothing.
- Warning == Error on JOJ.
- Start early.

Features of C

```
/* Filename: helloworld.c */
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("Hello world!\n");
    return 0;
}
```

- Filename: end with `.c`
- Include header files (libraries)
- A main function **with an int as the return value**
- `;` at the end of each line
- `{}` as block
- Comment

```
// comment in line

/*
\ (0.0) /
comment as a block
\ (= .0) -
*/
```

- Coding style
- Undefined behavior

Header files

- What is source files (.c) and header files (.h)?
- Library: functions written by professional programmers.
- Common libraries:

```
#include <stdio.h>    // For standard input and output.
#include <math.h>     // For basic mathematic operations like sqrt, sin,
                    // pow.
#include <stdlib.h>   // For random number generation and dynamic memory
                    // allocation.
#include <string.h>   // For efficient string manipulation.
#include <time.h>     // For recording program running time.
```

- Why we need to include library?
- Function: Declaration vs. Definition.
- Include: link multiple files (including library files).

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
#include "myFunctions.h"
```

- Header files: functions declarations written by you.
- Difference between `<>` and `""`

main function

- `main` function is where a program starts executing.
- A program only contains **one** `main` function.
- `main` function is not callable for you. (No recursion for `main` function)
- Return type and return value for `main` should be `int` and `0` (non-zero return value is to indicate some errors)

```
int main() // Return type: a integer
{
    // write your code here
    return 0; // Return value: 0
}
```

- Your program will fail on JOJ if you don't add return type and return value.
- Please **don't** write everything in the `main` function.

Variable

- A variable need a name, a data type, a value
- Variable name rules similar to MATLAB
- Requires **declaration before use**
 - Why variable declaration is needed?

```
int a;
float b;
unsigned int c;
char d;
long e;
```

```
int a = 0;           // Declaration with a value assigned
int b, c;           // Declaration without a value assigned
                    // The value of "b" and "c" are "uninitialized"
int d, e, f = 0;    // Not recommended
```

Data types

- char: 8 bits ASCII code representing a character
- int: not guaranteed how many bytes, commonly 4 bytes (32 bits)
- unsigned int
- long
- float & double (both floating point)
- No bool type (logical type) in C. Number 0 = False. Number not 0 = True.

Data type conversion

- C will automatically convert data type if necessary.

```
int a = 1 + 1.5;      // what is the value of a?
double b = 3 / 2;     // what is the value of b?
double c = 3 / 2.0;   // what is the value of c?
int d = a + b + c;    // what is the value of d?
char e = 'a';
e = e + 1;
```

- You can manually convert data type.

```
double pi = 3.1415926;
int integerPi = (int)pi; // Convert double into int
```

- Tips: some automatic type conversion may result in some information loss (e.g. long long -> int). It will generate warning, and in JOJ, every warning will be regarded as error :) So in this case, do it type conversion manually to tell the compiler that you indeed intend to do this conversion.
- All the constant in C will be an `int` by default, and `double` for float point number

Constant variable

- Require initial value assigned, or the variable is meaningless.
- Changing the value of constant variable causes error.
- Why constant variable? Sometimes we want to guarantee we will not mistakenly change variable that should remain constant. In future learning, you will see many usage of `const` and find it is more like a promise that "I will not change this value."

```
const int a = 1; // Constant variable must has initial value assigned
a = 2;           // Error!
```

Input / Output

- You must include `<stdio.h>`.
- Output function: `printf`
- Input function: `scanf`

printf

- Similar to MATLAB function `fprintf`.
- Only print to standard output stream (`stdout`).
- Use C function `fprintf` for file output.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("Hello world!\n");           // string uses double quotation
    mark
    int a = 0;
    float b = 1;
    double c = 2;
    char d = 'd';                       // char uses single quotation mark
    printf("a=%d\tb=%f\tc=%lf\td=%c.\n", a, b, c, d);
                                         // "\t" for tab, "\n" for new line
    return 0;
}
```

scanf

- Similar to MATLAB function `fscanf`.
- Only scan from standard input stream (`stdin`).
- Use C function `fscanf` for file input.
- Visual Studio may require you use `scanf_s` but it is not a standard library function. It will fail compiling on JOJ.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int a; float b; double c; char d;
    printf("Please input a, b, c, d:\n");           // scanf does not
support output
    scanf("%d, %f, %lf, %c", &a, &b, &c, &d);       // don't forget &
    //scanf("%d %f %lf %c", &a, &b, &c, &d);       // whats the
difference?
    printf("a=%d\tb=%f\tc=%lf\td=%c.\n", a, b, c, d);
    return 0;
}
```

Operators

- Assignment operator: `=`

```
int a, b;
a = (b = 1);    // Never write anything like this
                // unless you want to get shot by your college
```

- Arithmetic: `+`, `-`, `*`, `/`
- Remainder: `%`
- No `^` for power, use `pow()` instead

Syntax sugar (to be lazy)

- increment: `++`
- decrement: `--`
- `i++` vs. `++i`

```
int i=0;
printf("%d\n", i++);    // Print out 0
```

```
int i;
i = (i++) + (++i);      // DO NOT write anything like this in real life
```

- Shorthand assignment operators
 - `a += b` \Leftrightarrow `a = a + b`
 - `a -= b` \Leftrightarrow `a = a - b`
 - `a *= b` \Leftrightarrow `a = a * b`
 - `a /= b` \Leftrightarrow `a = a / b`
- `(condition) ? expression1 : expression2`

```
max = (x > y) ? x : y;
```

Logical operators

operator	operation
&&	And
	Or
!	Not
==	Equal to
!=	Not equal to

- different with `&`, `|`, `^`

Control statements

- `if`, `switch`, `while`, `for`. Similar to MATLAB.
- blocks `{}`: enclose multiple statements
- Variable scope: only valid inside block.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    if (1)                // This "if" statement they will always execute
    {
        int a = 1;
    }
    printf("a = %d", a);  // wrong! variable a no longer exists!
    return 0;
}
```

- block `{}` can be omitted if it only enclose one statement.
- Again, **Indent is important and useful!**

if

- No major difference with MATLAB
- No `elseif`, use `else if`

switch

- Fast way to deal with multiple situations.
- `break` is important. What will happen without `break`?

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
```

```

int n;
printf("what is the rank of the card (1-13)? ");
scanf("%d", &n);
switch (n)
{
    case 1: printf("Ace\n"); break;           // break is important
    case 11: printf("Jack\n"); break;
    default: printf("%d\n", n); break;
}
return 0;
}

```

while

- No major difference with MATLAB
- `do-while` : another version of while loop.
- `while(1)` for infinite loop.
- `break` & `continue` : same as MATLAB

for

- Most common loop statement
- How to use?

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i;
    for (i=0; i<10; i++)           //Initial value; ending condition; step
        printf("%d\n", i);
    return 0;
}

```

- The above code equals code below:

```

#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i=0;
    while (i<10)
    {
        printf("%d\n", i);
        i++;
    }
    return 0;
}

```

- What are the scopes of variable `i` and `j` if we do this?


```
for (int i=0; i<10; i++)
    DoSomething();
int j;
for (j=0; j<10; j++)
    DoSomething();
```

- A common mistake

```
for (int i=0; i<10; i++);
    DoSomething();
```

Function

- Allow code written outside `main` function
- Syntax:

```
int add(int a, int b)    // returnType functionName (parameterType
parameter, ...)
{
    // block enclose function content
    return (a + b);      // return value (must consistent with returnType)
}
```

- Parameter passed by value
- Same variable name can be used in different function (they do not share value)
- If the inside variable share the same name with the outside variable, it will block the outside one
- Use void function if function return nothing.
- Use void parameter if function needs no input parameters. (can be omitted)

```
void helloworld(void)    // No input parameter, no return value.
void helloworld() is also okay
{
    printf("Hello world\n");    // Only do something.
}
```

Call function in `main`

- Function declaration should appear above where it is used.
- Function definition can appear after `main` function.

```
#include <stdio.h>
int add(int a, int b);    // Function declaration, ; required

int main()
{
    int a, b, c;
```

```

scanf("%d, %d", &a, &b);
c = add(a, b);           // Call the function, return value stored
into c
printf("a+b=%d\n", c);
return 0;
}

int add(int a, int b)    // Function definition (implementation)
{
    return (a + b);      // block {} cannot be omitted for function
                        // even with only single statement
}

```

- Put declaration and definition together:

```

#include <stdio.h>
int add(int a, int b)    // Function declaration + definition, ";"
not required
{
    return (a + b);
}

int main()
{
    int a, b, c;
    scanf("%d, %d", &a, &b);
    c = add(a, b);        // Call the function
                        // return value stored into variable "c"
    printf("a+b=%d\n", c);
    return 0;
}

```

- Both are OK in this case.
- Sometimes you have to use the former
 - Using function in other `.c` files, definition written in a `.h` file.
 - Two functions calling each other.