CS 2261: Media Device Architecture - Week 2 - Lecture 2

First Quiz Date Modification

Wednesday, September 12 (not the 10th!)

Overview

- - Structure of Program
 - Compilation process Overview
- SetPixel (specific x, y, and RGB)
- DrawLines
 - functions vs function macros
 - horizontal
 - vertical
- DrawSquare

Interpreted vs Compiled

- Interpreted
 - BASIC
 - Java JVM (bytecode)
 - JavaScript
 - LISP
 - Smalltalk
 - Perl
 - Python
 - Ruby
 - PHP
- Run generic code through interpreter at runtime
- More done at runtime

- Compiled
 - FORTRAN
 - COBOL
 - ALGOL
 - PL/1
 - C / C++ / C#
 - Java (Source -- into bytecode)/ Scala / Kotlin
 - Pascal
 - Ada
 - Delphi
 - TypeScript
- More done before runtime
- Machine-specific executable

Structure of C Program

- C programs consist of one or more files
- Each file may contain 0 or more functions
- Executable code must appear in functions
- Other items such as definitions, variable declarations, typedefs, etc may appear outside of functions.
- Where a variable is declared will affect where it is in memory, its scope and lifetime.
- C is compiled with a somewhat odd preprocessing step.

This class

- Programs can consist of 1 or more C files (main.c, mylib.c, text.c)
 - Compiling using gcc (open source compiler)
 - Preprocessor creates .i files
 - Compiler creates .o (object) files (and intermediate .s files)
 - Linker combines multiple .o files and prewritten library code you need to create an executable image (e.g., .exe in Windows -- named a.out or a.exe by default with gcc)
 - Here you will be producing .gba (for the gameboy)
 - We use a few more tools for that.
 - Emulator will run your code

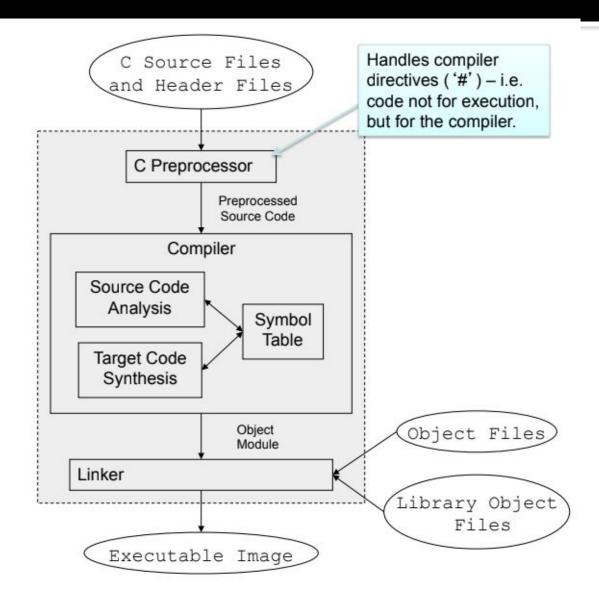
C Data Types

- integers
 - int
 - short
 - long
 - unsigned/signed of each
- floating point
 - float
 - double
- characters
 - char (also kind of an unsigned 8-bit int)

C Compilation



The C Compiler



#define Preprocessor Macros

- The Preprocessor is basically advanced text manipulation that happens to your source code before the compiler even sees it.
- It can #include other files
- It can decide to do or include things conditionally
- It can replace text for you via #define macros.
 - Raw text
 - #define true 1
 - #define false 0
 - Functions Macros
 - #define Add(x, y) ((x) + (y)) -- Be generous with parens here!
- All Preprocessor operations begin with a #

#define (bad) Macro Example

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int main() {
  return 2 * Add(1, 1);
} // We expect 4, right?
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} // We expect 4, right?
Wrong!
return 2 * 1 + 1; // 2 + 1 is 3!
```

#define Better Macro Example

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int main() {
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}
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#define Add(x, y) (x + y)
int main() {
  return 2 * Add(1, 1);
Becomes:
return 2 * (1 + 1); // 4!
```

But what about Multiply?

```
#define Multiply(x, y) (x * y)
int main() {
  return Multiply(2 + 1, 2);
} // should be 3 * 2 = 6
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Becomes:
return (2 + 1 * 2); // 4 != 6 :(
```

#define Best Macro

```
#define Multiply(x, y) ((x) * (y))
int main() {
  return Multiply(2 + 1, 2);
} // should be 3 * 2 = 6
Becomes:
return ((2 + 1) * (2)); // 6 :)
```

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Macros really are just text replacement!

typedef shorthand

- Allows you to create your own aliases for types
- Syntax: typedef <a valid c-type> <alias>
- Example
 - unsigned short is a valid c-type
 - So we can create out own alias using
 - typedef unsigned short u16;
 - Now we can use u16 as shorthand for unsigned shorts in our code
 - Ex: u16 *ptr; u16 students = 60;

Remember 4 pixels

```
#define RGB(R, G, B) ((R) \mid (G) < < 5 \mid (B) < < 10)
int main(){
  *(unsigned short *)0x04000000 = 0x403;
  *(unsigned short *)0x06000000 = RGB(31, 31, 31);
  *(unsigned short *)0x06000002 = RGB(31, 0, 0);
  *(unsigned short *)0x06000004 = RGB(0, 31, 0);
  *(unsigned short *)0x06000006 = RGB(0, 0, 31);
  while(1) { // anything non-zero is true in C!
    // just keep doing nothing...
  return 0; // make some strict compilers happy
```

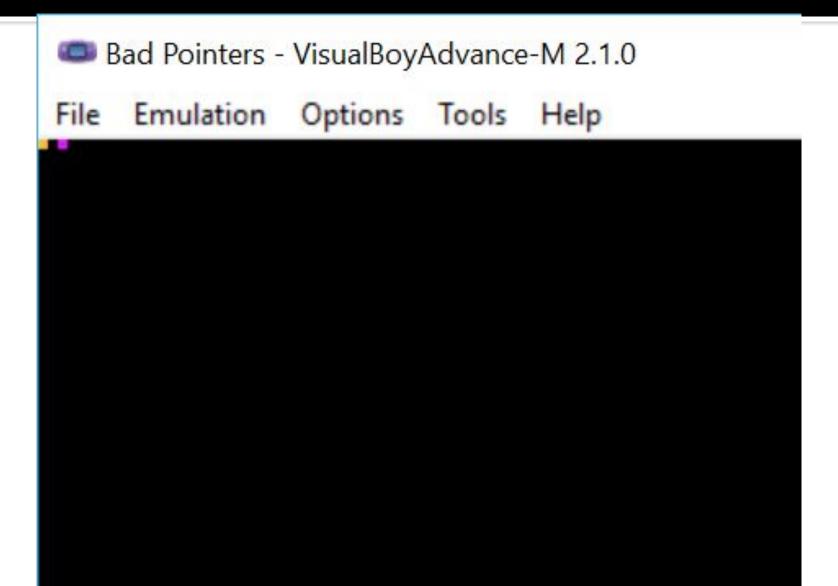
Tighten That Up

```
#define RGB(R, G, B) ((R) \mid (G) << 5 \mid (B) << 10)
#define REG DISPCNT (unsigned short *)0x0400000
#define PIXEL 00 0x06000000
typedef unsigned short u16;
int main() {
  *REG DISPCNT = 0x403;
  *(u16*) PIXEL_00 = RGB(31,31,31);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 2) = RGB(31,0,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 4) = RGB(0,31,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 6) = RGB(0,0,31);
 while (1) {
  return 0;
```

What if I only added 1?

```
#define RGB(R, G, B) ((R) \mid (G) << 5 \mid (B) << 10)
#define REG DISPCNT (unsigned short *)0x0400000
#define PIXEL 00 0x06000000
typedef unsigned short u16;
int main() {
  *REG DISPCNT = 0x403;
  *(u16*) PIXEL_00 = RGB(31,31,31);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 1) = RGB(31,0,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 2) = RGB(0,31,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 3) = RGB(0,0,31);
 while (1) {
  return 0;
```

Mixed up my colors!



Show my work

```
White: 32767
                 0111 1111 1111 1111
```

0000 0000 0001 1111 Red:

0000 0011 1110 0000 Green: 992

0111 1100 0000 0000 Blue: 31744

```
*(u16*) PIXEL_00 = RGB(31,31,31);
```

Address 0x06000000 / 0x06000001 / 0x06000001:

```
0111 1111 1111 1111
```

0000 0000

```
*(u16*) (PIXEL_00 + 1) = RGB(31,0,0);
```

Address 0x06000000 / 0x06000001 / 0x06000001:

0111 1111

0001 1111

Let's Generalize a Bit More

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  *(u16*) (PIXEL_00 + 2) = RGB(31,0,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 4) = RGB(0,31,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 6) = RGB(0,0,31);
  while (1) {
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```

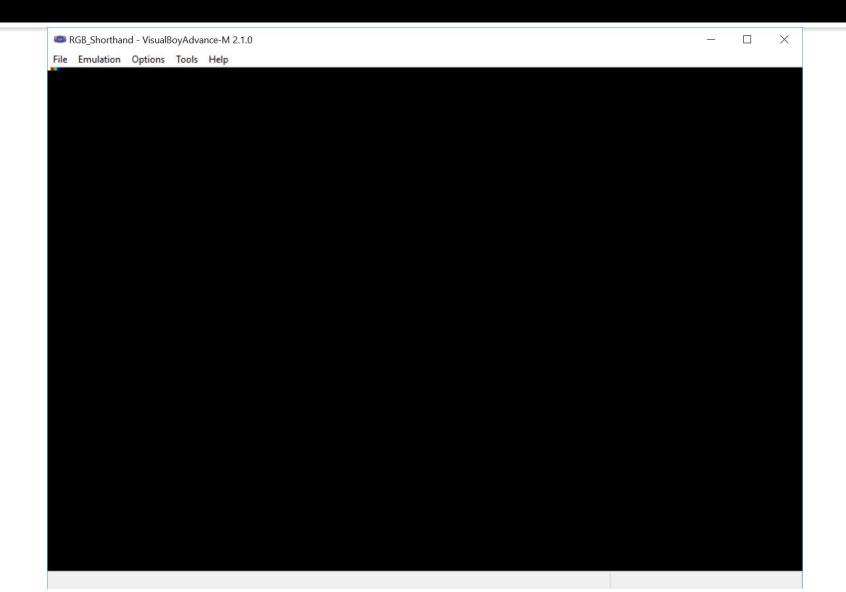
Add SetPixel

```
#define RGB(R, G, B) ((R) | (G) << 5 | (B) << 10)
#define REG DISPCNT (unsigned short *)0x0400000
#define PIXEL 00 0x06000000
typedef unsigned short u16;
#define SetPixel(x, y, val) (*(u16*)(PIXEL_00 + (x)*2 + (y)*2*240) = val)
int main() {
  *REG DISPCNT = 0x403;
  *(u16*) PIXEL 00 = RGB(31,31,31);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL_00 + 2) = RGB(31,0,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL_00 + 4) = RGB(0,31,0);
  *(u16*) (PIXEL 00 + 6) = RGB(0,0,31);
  while (1) {
    // just stay alive
  return 0; // make strict compilers happy
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typedef unsigned short u16;
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int main() {
  *REG DISPCNT = 0x403;
  SetPixel(0, 0, RGB(31, 31, 31));
  SetPixel(1, 0, RGB(31, 0, 0));
  SetPixel(2, 0, RGB(0, 31, 0));
  SetPixel(3, 0, RGB(0, 0, 31));
  while (1) {
    // just stay alive
  return 0; // make strict compilers happy
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```

Same result, less repetition



```
// main.c -- Let's Draw a Grid of vertical and horizontal lines
#define RGB(R, G, B) ((R) | (G) << 5 | (B) << 10)
#define REG_DISPCNT (unsigned short *)0x04000000
#define PIXEL 00 0x06000000
typedef unsigned short u16;
typedef unsigned char u8;
#define SetPixel(x, y, val) (*(u16*)(PIXEL_00 + (x)*2 + (y)*2*240) = val)
void drawVerticalLine(u8 x, u8 y, u8 length, u16 color) {
  for(u8 i=0; i<length; i++){
    SetPixel(x, y + i, color);
void drawHorizontalLine(u8 x, u8 y, u8 length, u16 color) {
  for(u8 i=0; i<length; i++){
    SetPixel(x + i, y, color);
int main() {
  *REG DISPCNT = 0x403;
  for (u8 i=0; i<160; i+=5) {
    drawHorizontalLine(0, i, 240, RGB(31, 31, 31));
  for (u8 i=0; i<240; i+=5) {
    drawVerticalLine(i, 0, 160, RGB(31, 31, 31));
  while(1){}
  return 0;
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```

Functions vs Function Macros

Preprocessor Function Macro:

```
#define SetPixel(x, y, val) (*(u16*)(PIXEL_00 + (x)*2 + (y)*2*240) = val)
```

Leads to text replacement before compilation

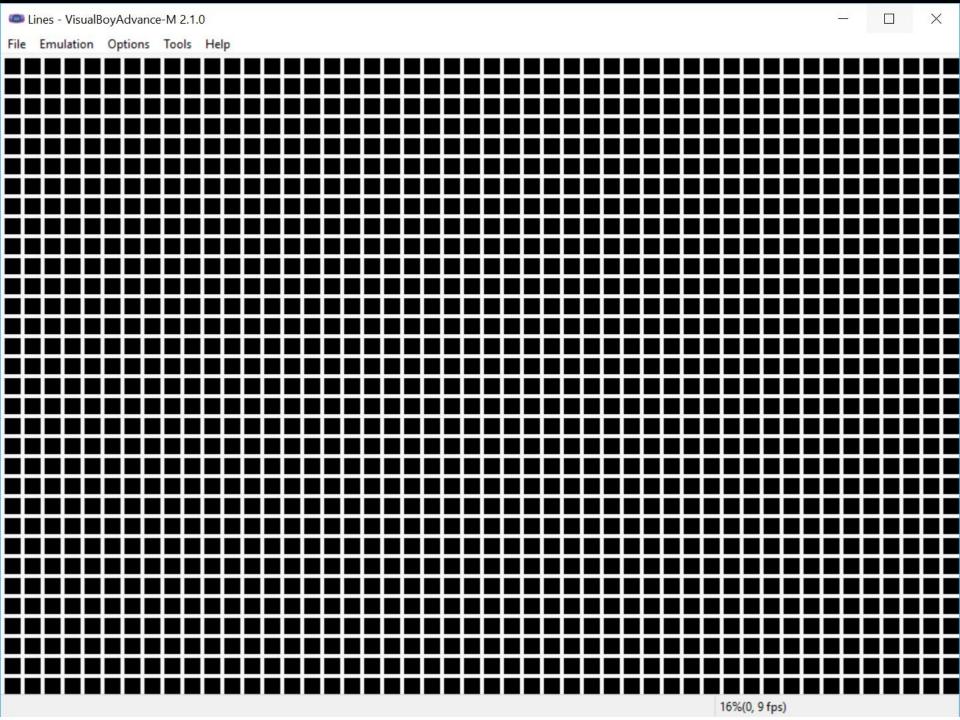
C Function

```
void drawVerticalLine(u8 x, u8 y, u8 length, u16 color) {
  for(u8 i=0; i<length; i++){
    (*(u16*)(0x06000000 + (x)*2 + (y + i)*2*240) = color);
  }
}</pre>
```

 These are functions in the true sense and we'll talk more about how C makes them work (scopes, call stacks, returns, etc.)

```
# 1 "<command-line>"
# 1 "main.c"
typedef unsigned short u16;
typedef unsigned char u8;
void drawVerticalLine(u8 x, u8 y, u8 length, u16 color) {
  for(u8 i=0; i<length; i++){
    (*(u16*)(0x06000000 + (x)*2 + (y + i)*2*240) = color);
void drawHorizontalLine(u8 x, u8 y, u8 length, u16 color) {
  for(u8 i=0; i<length; i++){
    (*(u16*)(0x06000000 + (x + i)*2 + (y)*2*240) = color);
# 58 "main.c"
int main() {
  *(unsigned short *)0x04000000 = 0x403;
  for (int i=0; i<160; i+=5) {
    drawHorizontalLine(0, i, 240, ((31) \mid (31) << 5 \mid (31) << 10));
  for (int i=0; i<240; i+=5) {
    drawVerticalLine(i, 0, 160, ((31) | (31) << 5 | (31) << 10));
  while (1) {}
  return 0;
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```

1 "<built-in>"



```
// main.c
#define RGB(R, G, B) ((R) \mid (G) << 5 \mid (B) << 10)
#define REG DISPCNT (unsigned short *)0x04000000
#define PIXEL 00 0x06000000
#define SetPixel(x, y, val) (*(u16*)(PIXEL 00 + (x)*2 + (y)*2*240) = val)
typedef unsigned short u16;
typedef unsigned char u8;
void drawSquare(u8 x, u8 y, u8 size, u16 color) {
  int i, j;
  for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < size; j++) {
      SetPixel(x + i, y + j, color);
int main() {
  *REG DISPCNT = 0x403;
  drawSquare(5, 5, 5, RGB(31, 0, 0));
  drawSquare(10, 10, 10, RGB(0, 31, 0));
  drawSquare(20, 20, 20, RGB(0, 0, 31));
  while (1) {} // just stay alive
  return 0; // make strict compilers happy
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  for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
    for (j = 0; j < size; j++) {
      (*(u16*)(0x06000000 + (x + i)*2 + (y + j)*2*240) = color);
int main() {
  *(unsigned short *)0x04000000 = 0x403;
  drawSquare(5, 5, 5, ((31) \mid (0) << 5 \mid (0) << 10));
  drawSquare(10, 10, 10, ((0) \mid (31) << 5 \mid (0) << 10));
  drawSquare(20, 20, 20, ((0) \mid (0) << 5 \mid (31) << 10));
  while (1) {}
  return 0;
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```

// main.i Preprocessor Results

1 "main.c"



Pointer Arithmetic Intro

Live Code -- results on Canvas:

Lecture4LiveCodingExample-PointerArithmetic-Expanded.c