




Review



Review Topics

- Structures
- Typedefs
- Pointers
- Testing
- Strings
- String Parsing
- String to Number Conversion




Structures

■ Structure Declaration

```
#define NAME_LEN(50)
struct PERSONNEL_REC
{
    char last[NAME_LEN + 1];
    char first[NAME_LEN + 1];
    char middle[2];
    int  ident;
};
```

■ Structure Definition

```
struct PERSONNEL_REC new_employee;
```



Structures

■ Pointers to Structures

```
struct PERSONNEL_REC new_employee;
...
print_emp ( &new_employee );
...
void print_emp( struct PERSONNEL_REC *emp )
{
    printf( "%d: %s, %s %s. \n",
            emp->ident,
            emp->last,
            emp->first,
            emp->middle
            );
}
```



Typedefs

■ Definition

a synonym (K&R) or a mnemonic abbreviation (H&S) for a data type and can be used anywhere a type specifier is permitted

■ Syntax

- `typedef as-type new-type;`
- `typedef as-type *new-pointer-type;`
- `typedef as-type new-type, new-type;`
- `typedef as-type new-type[num];`



Typedefs

■ Example

```
typedef int EMP_ID_t;
typedef char INITIAL_t[2];
typedef char NAME_t[NAME_LEN + 1];
typedef struct
{
    NAME_t last;
    NAME_t first;
    INITIAL_t middle;
    EMP_ID_t ident;
} EMPLOYEE_t, *EMPLOYEE_p_t;
- or -
typedef struct PERSONNEL_REC EMPLOYEE_t, *EMPLOYEE_p_t;

EMPLOYEE_t new_employee;
```



Pointers

■ Definition

A pointer is the address of an object of a particular type, or a variable which may be used to represent such an address.

■ Declarations

■ Include type and "*"

```
int *ptr1;
struct PERSONAL_REC *emp_rec;
```

■ Void Pointer Types (generic pointers)

```
void *generic_ptr;
```



Pointers

■ Valid Pointer Variable Values

■ NULL from stdio.h

```
#include <stdio.h>
int * ptr = NULL;
```

■ The address of an object of the appropriate type

```
int num = 0;
ptr = &num;
```

■ void pointers may assume the address of any object except the address of a function

```
void * vptr = null;
vptr = &num;
```



Pointers

- Valid Pointer Operations

- Any pointer may be tested for equality with NULL

```
int *ptr = NULL;
ptr = foo();
if ( ptr == NULL )
    puts( "foo() failed!" );
```

- Pointers may have integers added to or subtracted from them, as long as the result is another valid pointer

```
int * start, * end;
int array[100];
start = array;
end = start + 99;
```



Pointers

- Valid Pointer Operations

- Pointers pointing to the same array may be compared

```
if ( end > start )
    puts( "yippee" );
```

- Pointers pointing to the same array may be subtracted

```
int delta;
delta = end - start; /* 99 */
```

Pointers

■ Valid Pointer Operations

- Special case: an array consisting of n elements may have the address of its $n + 1$ th element computed

```
int array[90];
int *ptr;
ptr = &array[0];
while ( ptr != &array[90] )
{
    *ptr = -1;
    ++ptr;
}
```

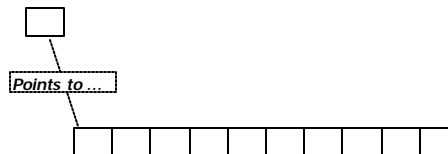
Pointers

■ Object Definition

K&R (Second Edition, p. 195)

An object, sometimes called a variable, is a location in storage...

- `int * ptr;` a pointer object
- `int arr[10];` 10 consecutive or contiguous **objects**
- `ptr = &arr[0];`
--or--
`ptr = arr;`





Pointers

- Pointer Arithmetic

- Syntax

- $\text{ptr} + 1 \rightarrow$ points to next element

- $\text{ptr} + i \rightarrow$ points to the i th element after ptr

- $\text{ptr} - i \rightarrow$ points to the i th element before ptr

- These are equivalent expressions

- $\text{ptr} = \text{ptr} + 1;$

- $\text{ptr} += 1;$

- $\text{ptr}++;$



Pointers

- Pointer Arithmetic

- Given $\text{ptr} = \text{arr};$

- $\text{ptr} \rightarrow$ points to $\text{arr}[0]$

- $*\text{ptr} \rightarrow$ refers to the contents of $\text{arr}[0]$

- $(\text{ptr} + 1) \rightarrow$ points to $\text{arr}[1]$

- $*(\text{ptr} + 1) \rightarrow$ refers to the contents of $\text{arr}[1]$

- $(\text{ptr} + i) \rightarrow$ points to $\text{arr}[i]$

- $*(\text{ptr} + i) \rightarrow$ refers to the contents of $\text{arr}[i]$

- $(\text{ptr} - i) \rightarrow$ points to $\text{arr}[-i]$

- $*(\text{ptr} - i) \rightarrow$ refers to the contents of $\text{arr}[-i]$



Testing

- Levels of testing
 - *Unit* -> workbench testing
 - *Integration* -> module-to-module, interfaces
 - *System* -> production simulation, performance
- Approaches
 - *White Box* -> code paths
 - *Black Box* -> requirements
 - *Model Office (or Beta)* -> "Let the customer test it"



Testing

- Test Plan vs Test Cases
 - *Test Plan* -> who, what, when
 - *Test Cases* -> how
- Developer Tools
 - *Products* -> Clarify/Purify, Test Case Mgmt Systems
 - Assert Macro
 - Conditional Preprocessing



Testing

- Conditional Preprocessing
 - `#ifdef, #ifndef, #else, #endif`
 - `#ifdef SPECIAL_DEBUG`
`printf("fillet radius = %d \n", radius);`
`#endif`
 - `#ifndef NDEBUG`
`void assert(int expression);`
`#else`
`#define assert(x) ((void) 0)`
`#endif`



Testing

- Review `#define`
 - Preprocessor Statement
 - `#ifndef TRUE`
`#define TRUE 1`
`#endif`
 - As Compiler Directive (see reference for details)
 - `cc -DTRUE=1 -DSPECIAL_DEBUG`

Testing

- `assert()` - verify program assertion
 - `#include <assert.h>`
 - `void assert(int expression);`
 - Example

```
static int parse_sscanf( char * in_str, struct parse_s * parse_struct )
{
    ...
    assert( in_str );
    assert( parse_struct );
    ...
}
```
 - If assertion expression is NOT TRUE and if NDEBUG is NOT defined
 - Aborts program
 - Prints the expression, the file and line number

Strings

- In C, strings are not intrinsic
- A string is a character array ending with a *null character* (`'\0'`)
- Or said another way, a string is a *null-terminated* character array
- The *null character* has the ASCII value 0
- The *null* character is logically different then NULL



String

- String Constant
 - A string constant is an array of characters and is accessed by a pointer to its first element
 - Example → "big dog"
 - Usage
 - `char arr[] = "big dog";`
 - `char * ptr = "big dog";`
 - `puts(arr);`
 - `puts(ptr);`
 - `puts("big dog");`



String

- String Constant
 - The result of modifying the contents of a string constants is undefined (non-deterministic)
 - Initializing an array with a string constant
 - `char arr[] = "big dog";`
is equivalent to:
`char arr[] = {'b','i','g',' ','d','o','g','\0' };`
 - In both cases, the compiler allocates space to hold the characters and initializes the array elements.

String

- String Constant
 - Declaring a pointer to a string constant is not equivalent
 - `char *ptr = "big dog";`
 - Consider memory ...

arr: big dog\0
ptr: • → big dog\0

Strings

- Compare and Assign
 - In C, strings cannot be assigned to other strings. Instead, the contents of one string are copied to other strings.
 - In C, strings cannot be compared. Instead, a character by character evaluation is performed.



Strings

- Compare and Assign

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main ( void )
{
    /* str1 is an 80 character strings */
    char str1[80+1];
    strcpy( str1, "big dog" );
    if ( strcmp( str1, "big dog" ) == 0 )
    {
        puts( "strings are equal" );
    }
}
```

```
void strcpy( char str1[], char str2[] )
{
    int inx = 0;
    while ( str1[inx] = str2[inx] )
        inx++;
}
```



Strings

- Safe String Copy

- When source is large then target can accommodate ...

```
char source[] = "the quick brown fox";
char target[10];
strcpy( target, source );
```

- ... strcpy results in non-deterministic memory error



Strings

- Safe String Copy

- method using *strncpy*

1. #define TARGET_LEN 10
char source[] = "the quick brown fox";
2. /* + 1 for '\0' */
char target[TARGET_LEN + 1];
3. strncpy(target, source, TARGET_LEN);
4. target[TARGET_LEN] = '\0';



Strings

- Safe String Copy

- When source is smaller than target can accommodate ...

1. #define TARGET_LEN 10
char source[] = "hello";
2. /* + 1 for '\0' */
char target[TARGET_LEN + 1];
3. strncpy(target, source, TARGET_LEN)
4. target[TARGET_LEN] = '\0';



String Parsing

- **int sscanf(char src[], char format[], ...);**
 - Reads from src string.
 - Converts according to format string (see reference for details),
 - Addition parameters (variable arguments) are ***pointers***.
 - Converted contents are stored in objects pointed by addition parameters.
 - Returns number of successful conversion.



String Parsing

- **int sscanf(char src[], char format[], ...);**
 - Defined in stdio.h.
 - Example

```
#define NUM_STR_LEN 10
char src[] = "number 3.2";
char numstr[NUM_STR_LEN + 1];
double number;
int retnum = sscanf( str, "%s %lf", numstr, &number );
```
 - Problems: objects must be big enough to hold converted contents.



String Parsing

- `char * strtok(char src[], char set[]);`
 - separates `src` in to *tokens* according to delimiters.
 - call `strtok` for each token, possible with different delimiters.
 - first call includes `src`, subsequent calls pass a `NULL` pointer.
 - returns pointer to null-terminated token
 - returns `NULL` if no token found.



String Parsing

- `char * strtok(char src[], char set[]);`

```
#define NUM_STR_LEN 10
char * ptr = NULL;
char src[] = "number 3.2";
char numstr[NUM_STR_LEN + 1];
double number;
int retnum;
ptr = strtok( src, " " );
if ( ptr == NULL )
{
    puts( "numstr not found" );
    return;
}
else
{
    strncpy( numstr, ptr, NUM_STR_LEN );
    numstr[NUM_STR_LEN] = '\0';
}
```

```
ptr = strtok( NULL, " " );
if ( ptr == NULL )
{
    puts( "number not found" );
    return;
}
else
{
    number = strtod( ptr, NULL );
}
```


String to Number Conversion

- String to double →
`double strtod(const char * str, char ** ptr);`
- String to long →
`long strtol(const char * str, char ** ptr, int base);`
- String to unsigned long →
`unsigned long strtoul(const char * str,
char ** ptr, int base);`

String to Number Conversion

- String to Number Conversion
 - Usage

```
#include <stdlib.h>
{
    double value = 0.0;
    char * errStr = NULL;
    char * inputStr = "3.14";
    /* on return, errStr is a pointer to the last
     * character parse in inputString */
    value = strtod( inputString, &errStr );
    /* OR, pass NULL to ignore error string parameter */
    value = strtod( inputString, NULL );
}
```
 - Problems with `atoi`, `atof`, `atol`
 - H&S, p336, Sec. 13.9...
"If `atoi`, `atof` or `atol` are unable to convert the input string, their behavior is undefined."
 - These methods are non-deterministic !!!