

Day_9 C-Programming

(RECAP OF PREVIOUS DAY)

Structure, Structure within structure, Array of structure, Union, Difference between Structure and Union, Dynamic Memory Allocation: malloc, calloc, realloc and free.

Structure

A Structure is a collection of elements, which are of different data types.

It is a user-defined data type that allows grouping variables of different data types under a single name.

Syntax:

```
struct StructureName {  
    dataType member1;  
    dataType member2;  
    ...  
};
```

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
struct Student {  
    int id;  
    char name[50];  
    float marks;  
};  
  
int main() {  
    struct Student s1 = {1, "Alice", 95.5};  
  
    printf("ID: %d\n", s1.id);  
    printf("Name: %s\n", s1.name);  
    printf("Marks: %.2f\n", s1.marks);  
  
    return 0;
```

```
}
```

Accessing Members:

- Use the dot operator (.) for direct access and use arrow operator(->) to access members through pointer
- Example: `s1.id` or `s1->id` (We will see this after malloc function today)

Differences Between Structures and Arrays:

| Aspect | Structure | Array |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| Data Type | Can store multiple variables of different data types . | Stores multiple variables of the same data type . |
| Definition Syntax | Defined using the struct keyword. | Declared with the data type followed by the size. int a[10] |
| Memory Allocation | Memory is allocated for each member individually. | Memory is allocated as a contiguous block for all elements. |
| Accessing Elements | Accessed using the dot (.) operator and the member name. | Accessed using an index (e.g., array[index]). |

Structure Within Structure

A structure can have another structure as a member.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

struct Address {
    char city[50];
    int pin;
};

struct Employee {
    int id;
    char name[50];
    struct Address addr; // Nested structure
};

int main() {
    struct Employee e1 = {1, "John", {"New York", 12345}};

    printf("ID: %d\n", e1.id);
    printf("Name: %s\n", e1.name);
    printf("City: %s\n", e1.addr.city);
    printf("PIN: %d\n", e1.addr.pin);

    return 0;
}
```

Array of Structures

An array of structures allows storing multiple records of the same structure type.

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>

struct Book {
    int id;
    char title[50];
    float price;
};

int main() {
    struct Book books[3] = {
```

```
    {1, "C Programming", 300.50},
    {2, "Data Structures", 450.75},
    {3, "Algorithms", 500.00}
};

for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
    printf("Book ID: %d\n", books[i].id);
    printf("Title: %s\n", books[i].title);
    printf("Price: %.2f\n\n", books[i].price);
}

return 0;
}
```

Union

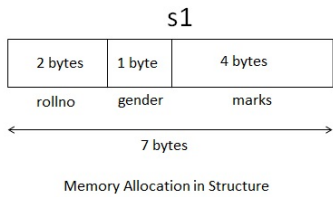
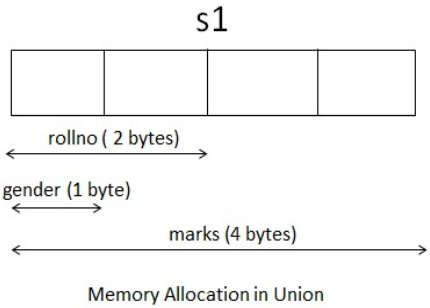
A union is similar to a structure, but it uses a single shared memory location for all its members. Only one member can store a value at a time.

Syntax:

```
union UnionName {
    dataType member1;
    dataType member2;
    ...
};
```

Difference between Structure and union

| | Structure | Union |
|------------|--|---|
| Definition | A structure is a user-defined data type that groups different data types into a single entity. | A union is a user-defined data type that allows storing different data types at the same memory location. |

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|--------------------------|---|--|
| Keyword | The keyword struct is used to define a structure | The keyword union is used to define a union |
| Size | The size is the sum of the sizes of all members, with padding if necessary. | The size is equal to the size of the largest member, with possible padding. |
| |  <p style="text-align: center;">Memory Allocation in Structure</p> |  <p style="text-align: center;">Memory Allocation in Union</p> |
| Memory Allocation | Each member within a structure is allocated a unique storage area of location. | Memory allocated is shared by individual members of the union. |
| Data Overlap | No data overlap as members are independent. | Full data overlap as members share the same memory. |
| Accessing Members | Individual members can be accessed at a time. | Only one member can be accessed at a time. |

Example:

```

#include <stdio.h>

union Data {
    int i;
    float f;
    char str[20];
};

int main() {
    union Data data;

    data.i = 10;
    printf("Integer: %d\n", data.i);

    data.f = 220.5;
    printf("Float: %.2f\n", data.f);

    strcpy(data.str, "C Programming");
    printf("String: %s\n", data.str);

    return 0;
}

```

Dynamic Memory Allocation

| Static memory allocation | Dynamic memory allocation |
|---|---|
| It is the process of allocating memory at compile time. | It is the process of allocating memory during execution of program. |
| Fixed number of bytes will be allocated. | Memory is allocated as and when it is needed. |
| The memory is allocated in memory stack. | The memory is allocated from free memory pool (heap). |

Dynamic memory allocation allows memory to be allocated at runtime. The standard library provides functions like **malloc**, **calloc**, **realloc**, and **free** in **<stdlib.h>**.

1. malloc()

Allocates a single block of memory without initializing it.

Syntax: `void* malloc(size);`

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main() {
    int *ptr;
    ptr = (int *)malloc(5 * sizeof(int)); // Allocate memory for 5 integers, 5x2 =10 byte

    if (ptr == NULL) {
        printf("Memory allocation failed\n");
        return 1;
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        ptr[i] = i + 1;
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        printf("%d ", ptr[i]);
    }

    free(ptr); // Free the allocated memory
    return 0;
}
```

Example:

Structure Using arrow operator (->)

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

struct Student {
    int id;
    char name[50];
    float marks;
}
```

```
};

int main() {
    // Dynamically allocate memory for a structure
    struct Student *s1 = (struct Student *)malloc(sizeof(struct Student));

    // Assign values using the arrow operator
    s1->id = 1;
    snprintf(s1->name, sizeof(s1->name), "Alice"); // Use snprintf for strings
    s1->marks = 95.5;

    // Access and print values using the arrow operator
    printf("ID: %d\n", s1->id);
    printf("Name: %s\n", s1->name);
    printf("Marks: %.2f\n", s1->marks);

    // Free allocated memory
    free(s1);

    return 0;
}
```

2. calloc()

Allocates memory in multiple contiguous blocks(like in Array) and initializes all elements to zero.

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Syntax: `void* calloc(n, size);`

Difference between malloc() and calloc()

| Feature | malloc() | calloc() |
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| Prototype | <code>void *malloc(size);</code> | <code>void *calloc(n, size);</code> |

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|------------------------------|--|---|
| Number of Arguments | Accepts 1 argument: the total memory size in bytes. | Accepts 2 arguments: the number of blocks (n) and size of each block. |
| Memory Allocation | Allocates one block of memory. | Allocates multiple blocks each of specified size. |
| Memory Initialization | Does not initialize memory (contains garbage values). | Initializes memory to 0 (all allocated bytes are set to zero). |
| Usage | Commonly used for a single block of memory. | Commonly used when allocating memory for arrays or multiple items. |

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main() {
    int *ptr;
    ptr = (int *)calloc(5, sizeof(int)); // Allocate memory for 5 integers, 5 blocks each of 2 Byte

    if (ptr == NULL) {
        printf("Memory allocation failed\n");
        return 1;
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        printf("%d ", ptr[i]); // All elements initialized to 0
    }

    free(ptr); // Free the allocated memory
    return 0;
}
```

3. realloc() – (to Reallocate Memory)

Changes the size of previously allocated memory.

Syntax: `void* realloc(void* ptr, size);`

Example:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>

int main() {
    int *ptr = (int *)malloc(3 * sizeof(int));

    if (ptr == NULL) {
        printf("Memory allocation failed\n");
        return 1;
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 3; i++) {
        ptr[i] = i + 1;
    }

    // Reallocate memory for 5 integers
    ptr = (int *)realloc(ptr, 5 * sizeof(int));

    for (int i = 3; i < 5; i++) {
        ptr[i] = i + 1;
    }

    for (int i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        printf("%d ", ptr[i]);
    }

    free(ptr); // Free the allocated memory
    return 0;
}
```

4. free() (to free previously allocated memory)

Releases dynamically allocated memory back to the system.

Syntax: `void free(void* ptr);`

Important Notes:

1. Always use `free` to release memory allocated with `malloc`, `calloc`, or `realloc`.
 2. Accessing freed memory leads to undefined behavior.
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Programs to Practice (HW):

1. Define a structure to store employee details and display them.
2. Write a program to calculate the total and average marks of a student using a structure.
3. Create a program to store and display details of 5 books using an array of structures.
4. Implement a structure to store date (day, month, year) and write a program to calculate the difference between two dates.
5. Create a program to store details of a car (model, price, color) and display the most expensive car.
6. Define a structure for a `Student` with a nested structure for `Address` (street, city, pin).
7. Create a program to store and display details of players, including their personal details (nested structure).
8. Implement a structure for a company with nested structures for employee details and their department details.
9. Write a program to calculate the total salary of employees, where salary details are part of a nested structure.
10. Create a structure for a `Library` with a nested structure for `Book` and display all the books by a specific author.
11. Store and display details of 10 students using an array of structures.
12. Create a program to store and display details of products in a shop using an array of structures.
13. Write a program to calculate the average marks of students stored in an array of structures.
14. Implement a program to display the details of employees earning above a specific salary using an array of structures.
15. Store and sort details of movies (title, year, rating) using an array of structures.
16. Create a union to store different types of data (int, float, char) and demonstrate memory sharing.
17. Write a program to store and display data of a variable length (e.g., an integer, a float, or a string) using a union.
18. Compare and demonstrate memory usage in structures and unions.

19. Implement a union to represent a record that can store either a student's marks or attendance.
20. Write a program to use a union to store and display a value as both integer and floating-point number.
21. Allocate memory for an integer array using `malloc` and input values dynamically.
22. Write a program to create a dynamically allocated 2D array using `malloc`.
23. Use `calloc` to allocate memory for an array of integers and initialize all elements to 0.
24. Demonstrate the use of `realloc` to resize a dynamically allocated array.
25. Implement a program to create a linked list using `malloc` for dynamic memory allocation.
26. Create a program to dynamically allocate memory for a string and copy a user-provided string into it.
27. Write a program to allocate memory for `n` students using `calloc` and input their details.
28. Demonstrate freeing allocated memory using `free` after a program finishes execution.
29. Implement a program to find the sum of an array of numbers entered by the user, using dynamic memory allocation.
30. Dynamically allocate memory for a structure (e.g., Student) and input details.
31. Create a structure to store employee details and dynamically allocate memory for an array of employees.
32. Write a program to store book details using an array of structures, allocating memory dynamically.
33. Implement a nested structure for storing details of students and dynamically allocate memory for `n` students.
34. Use a union and dynamically allocate memory to store either an integer or a float, based on user input.
35. Write a program to store employee details and calculate the average salary, using both structures and `malloc`.
36. Demonstrate the use of `calloc` to initialize an array of structures with default values.
37. Create a program to input and display an array of employee details, resizing it using `realloc`.
38. Write a program to store and manipulate date details using dynamic memory allocation and structures.
39. Use a structure with dynamically allocated memory to store strings of variable lengths.
40. Create a dynamic array of unions to store mixed data types and display their contents.