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Programming in C I

C-Lab I

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This Week's Agenda

- ▶ Type conversions and some more operators
- ▶ Booleans
- ▶ Decision and Control Statements
- ▶ Looping Statements
- ▶ Everything about functions:
 - ▶ Prototypes
 - ▶ Header files
 - ▶ Variable scope
 - ▶ Recursion
- ▶ Strings

Type Conversions

- ▶ When data of different types are combined (via operators) some rules are applied
- ▶ Types are converted to a common type
 - ▶ Usually, to the larger one (called promotion)
 - ▶ **Example:** while summing an `int` and a `float`, the `int` is converted into a `float` and then the sum is performed
- ▶ A demotion is performed when a type is converted to a smaller one
 - ▶ **Example:** a function takes an `int` parameter and you provide a `float`
- ▶ A demotion implies possible loss of information
- ▶ Therefore, be careful with what to expect
 - ▶ In the above example, the fractional part will be lost

Casting

- ▶ It is possible to overcome standard conversions (casting)
- ▶ To force to a different data type, put the desired data type before the expression to be converted
(type name) expression
- ▶ Casting is a unary operator with high precedence

Casting: An Example

```
1    int a;  
2    float f1 = 3.456;  
3    float f2 = 1.22;  
4    /* these operations imply demotions */  
5    a = (int) f1 * f2;    /* a is now 3 */  
6    a = (int) (f1 * f2); /* a is now 4 */
```

Incrementing and Decrementing

- ▶ The unary operators `++` and `--` can be applied to increase or decrease a variable by 1

```
1  int a, b;  
2  a = b = 0;  
3  a++; b-- ; ++a ; --b;
```

- ▶ Note that they can be both **prefix** and **postfix** operators
 - ▶ The two versions are different

Prefix and Postfix Modes

- ▶ Prefix means that first you modify and then you use the value
- ▶ Postfix means that first you use and then you modify the value
- ▶ `int a = 10, b;`

| Expression | New value of a | New value of b |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <code>b = ++a;</code> | 11 | 11 |
| <code>b = a++;</code> | 11 | 10 |
| <code>b = --a;</code> | 9 | 9 |
| <code>b = a--;</code> | 9 | 10 |

The `sizeof()` Operator

- ▶ `sizeof()` returns the number of bytes needed to store a specific object
- ▶ Useful for determining the sizes of the different data types on your system

```
1 int a;  
2 printf("size int %lu\n", sizeof(a));  
3 printf("size float %lu\n", sizeof(float));  
4 printf("size double %lu\n", sizeof(double));
```

- ▶ For strings do not confuse `sizeof()` with `strlen()`
- ▶ Compile-time operator, will not work for dynamically allocated memory

Boolean Variables

- ▶ A boolean variable can assume only two logic values: **true** or **false**
- ▶ Boolean variables and expressions are widely used in computer languages to control branching and looping
- ▶ Some operators return boolean values
- ▶ A boolean expression is an expression whose value is **true** or **false**

Boolean Operators

- ▶ Boolean operators can be applied to boolean variables
 - ▶ AND, OR, NOT

| A | NOT A | A | B | A AND B | A | B | A OR B |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|--------|
| false | true | false | false | false | false | false | false |
| true | false | false | true | false | false | true | true |
| | | true | false | false | true | false | true |
| | | true | true | true | true | true | true |

Booleans in C

- ▶ C does not provide an ad-hoc boolean type but uses rather the `int` type
- ▶ 0 is false, everything different from 0 is true
- ▶ C also provides the three Boolean operators
 - ▶ `&&` for AND,
 - ▶ `||` for OR,
 - ▶ `!` for NOT
- ▶ Applied to booleans they return booleans

Boolean Operators: Example

```
1  int main() {
2      int a, b, c;
3      a = 0;                /* a is false */
4      b = 57;               /* b is true */
5      c = a || b;           /* c is true */
6      c = a && b;            /* c is false */
7      a = !a;               /* a is now true */
8      c = a && b;            /* c is now true */
9      c = (a && !b) && (a || b);
10     return 0;
11 }
```

Relational Operators

- ▶ Relational operators are applied to other data types (numeric, character, etc.) and produce boolean values
`(b > 5) --> true`
- ▶ Relational operators with boolean operators produce boolean expressions
`(b > 5) && (a < 1) --> true && false --> false`

| Relational operator | Meaning |
|---------------------|------------------|
| <code>==</code> | Equality test |
| <code>!=</code> | Inequality test |
| <code>></code> | Greater |
| <code><</code> | Smaller |
| <code>>=</code> | Greater or equal |
| <code><=</code> | Smaller or equal |

Relational Operators: Example

```
1  int main() {  
2      int a = 2, b, c;  
3      float f1 = 1.34;  
4      float f2 = 3.56;  
5      char ch = 'D';  
6      b = f1 >= f2;  
7      c = !b;  
8      b = c == b;  
9      b = b != c;  
10     c = f2 > a;  
11     c = ch > a;  
12     return 0;  
13 }
```

Branching

- ▶ Up to now programs seem to execute all the instructions in sequence, from the first to the last (a **linear program**)
- ▶ Change the control flow of a program with **branching statements**
- ▶ Branching allows to execute (or not to execute) certain parts of a program depending on **boolean expressions** or **conditions**

Selection: `if ... else`

- ▶ In general selection constructs allow to choose a way in a binary bifurcation
- ▶ De facto you can use it in three ways
 - ▶ `if ()` single selection
 - ▶ `if ()`
`else` double selection
 - ▶ `if ()`
`else if ()`
`else if ()`
`...`
`else` multiple selection

The if Syntax (1)

► General syntax:

```
1 if (condition)
2     statement 1;
3 else
4     statement 2;
5 other_statement; /* always executed */
```

- The else part can be omitted
- Statement: single statement or multiple statements
- Multiple statements need to be surrounded by braces { }

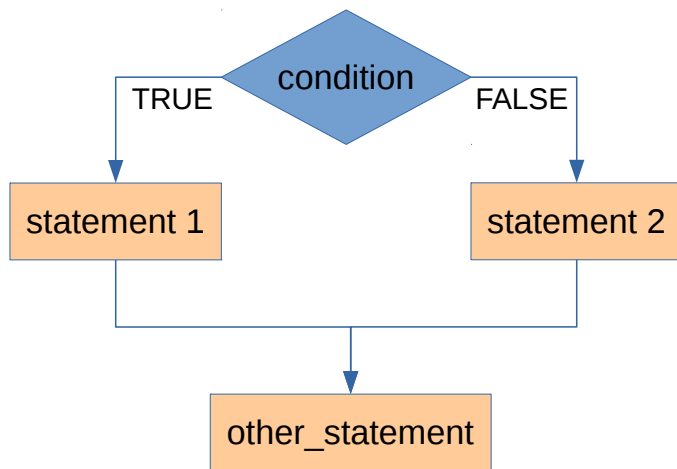
The `if` Syntax (2)

- Preferred syntax (always use braces)

```
1 if (condition) {  
2     statements;  
3 }  
4 else {  
5     statements;  
6 }
```

- If you add statements, program flow is not changed (less errors)
- Using indentation, you can easily see where block starts and ends

if: Flow Chart



if: Example

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main() {
3      int first, second;
4      printf("Type the first number:\n");
5      scanf("%d", &first);
6      printf("Type the second number:\n");
7      scanf("%d", &second);
8      if (first > second) {
9          printf("The larger one is %d\n", first);
10     }
11     else {
12         printf("The larger one is %d\n", second);
13     }
14     printf("Can you see the logical error?\n");
15     return 0;
16 }
```

Statements and Compound Statements

- ▶ Statements can be grouped together to form compound statements
- ▶ A compound statement is a set of statements surrounded by braces

```
1 int a = 3;
2 if (a > 0) {
3     printf("a is positive %d\n", a);
4     a = a - 2 * a;
5     printf("now a is negative %d\n", a);
6 }
```

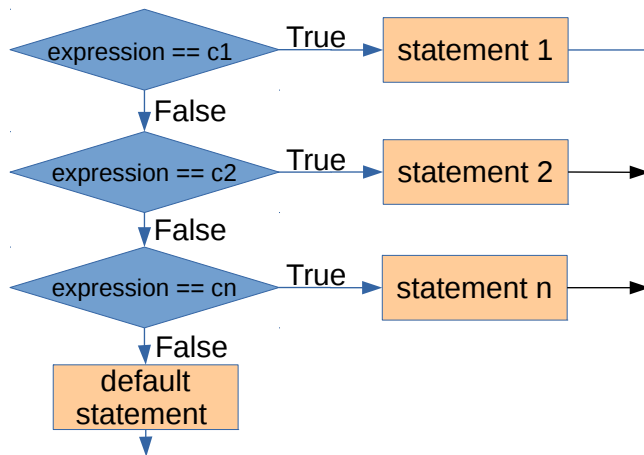
Multiple Choices: `switch`

- ▶ `switch` can be used when an expression should be compared with many values
- ▶ The same goal can be obtained with multiple `if`'s
- ▶ The expression must return an integer value

switch: The Syntax

```
1 switch (expression) {  
2     case c1:  
3         statement1;  
4         break;  
5  
6     case c2:  
7         statement2;  
8         break;  
9  
10    ...  
11  
12    default:  
13        default_statement;  
14 }
```

switch: Flow Chart



switch: Example

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int c;
3  int main() {
4      for (c = 0; c <= 3; c++) {
5          printf("c: %d\n", c);
6
7          switch (c) {
8              case 1:
9                  printf("Here is 1\n");
10                 break;
11                 case 2:
12                     printf("Here is 2\n");
13                     /* Fall through */
14                 case 3:
15                 case 4:
16                     printf("Here is 3, 4\n");
17                     break;
18                 default:
19                     printf("Here is default\n");
20             }
21         }
22     return 0;
23 }
```

Iterations

- ▶ In many cases it is necessary to repeat a set of operations many times
- ▶ Example: compute the average grade of the exam
 - ▶ Read all the grades, and sum them
 - ▶ Divide the sum by the number of grades
- ▶ C provides three constructs

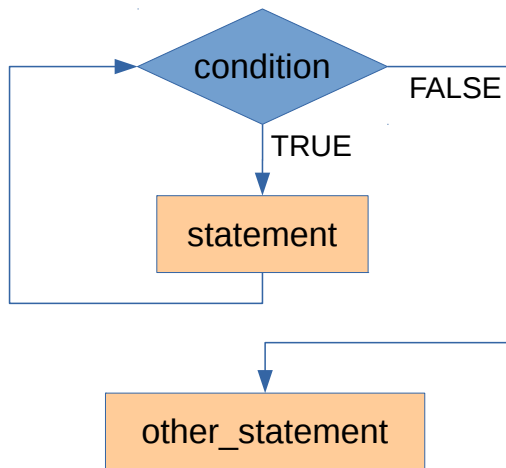
Iterations: `while`

- ▶ General syntax:

```
1 while (condition) {  
2     statement;  
3 }
```

- ▶ Keep executing the statement as long as the condition is true

while: Flow Chart



Example:

Compute the Sum of the First n Natural Numbers

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int idx, n, sum = 0;
4     printf("Enter a positive number ");
5     scanf("%d", &n);
6     idx = 1;
7     while (idx <= n) {
8         sum += idx;
9         idx++;
10    }
11    printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Iterations: `for`

► General syntax:

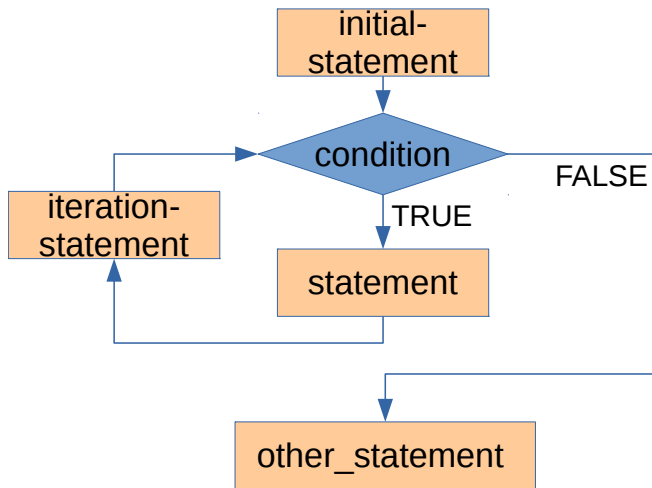
```
1 for (initial-statement; condition; iteration-  
    statement)  
2     statement;
```

► Example:

```
1 for (n = 0; n <= 10; n++)  
2     printf("%d\n", n);
```

► The `for` and `while` loops can be made interchangeable

for: Flow Chart



for: Example Revised

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int idx, n, sum = 0;
4     printf("Type a positive number ");
5     scanf("%d", &n);
6     for (idx = 1; idx <= n; idx++) {
7         printf("Processing %d..\n", idx);
8         sum += idx;
9     }
10    printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
11    return 0;
12 }
```


Boolean Operators and if

```
1 for (n = 0; n < 3; n++) {
2     for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
3         if (n < 1 && i == 0) {
4             printf("n is < 1, i is 0\n");
5         }
6         if (n == 2 || i == 5) {
7             printf("HERE n: %d i:%d\n", n, i);
8         }
9         else {
10            printf("n:%d, i:%d\n", n, i);
11        }
12    }
13 }
```

Easier or Harder to Read?

```
1 for (n = 0; n < 3; n++)
2     for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {
3         if (n < 1 && i == 0) {
4             printf("n is < 1, i is 0\n"); }
5         if (n == 2 || i == 5) {
6             printf("HERE n: %d i:%d\n", n, i); }
7         else {
8             printf("n:%d, i:%d\n", n, i); }}
```

Iterations: do ... while

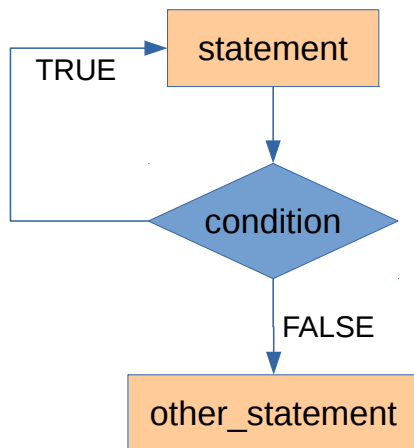
- ▶ General syntax:

```
1  do
2      statement;
3  while (condition);
```

```
1  do {
2      statement1;
3      statement2;
4  } while (condition);
```

- ▶ In this case the end condition is evaluated at the end
- ▶ The body is always executed at least once

do ... while: Flow Chart



do ... while: Example

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int main() {
3     int n, sum = 0;
4     do {
5         printf("Enter number (<0 ends)");
6         scanf("%d", &n);
7         sum += n;
8     } while (n >= 0);
9     sum -= n; /* Remove last negative value */
10    printf("The sum is %d\n", sum);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Jumping Out of a Cycle: `break`

- ▶ The keyword `break` allows to jump out of a cycle when executed
- ▶ We have already seen this while discussing `switch`

```
1 int num, i = 0;
2 scanf("%d", &num);
3 while (i < 50) {
4     printf("%d\n", i);
5     i++;
6     if (i == num)
7         break;
8 }
```

Jumping Out of a Cycle: `continue`

- ▶ `continue` jumps to the expression governing the cycle
- ▶ The expression is evaluated again and so on

```
1 char c;  
2 while ((c = getchar()) != '\n') {  
3     // ignore the letter b  
4     if (c == 'b')  
5         continue;  
6     printf("%c", c);  
7 }
```

Jumping Out of a Cycle

- ▶ Do not abuse `break` and `continue`
- ▶ You can always obtain the same result without using them
 - ▶ This at the price of longer coding
- ▶ By using them your code gets more difficult to read
- ▶ When you are experienced you will master their use
 - ▶ Meanwhile, learn the basics

Iterations: General Comments

- ▶ Inside the body of the loop you must insert an instruction that can cause the condition to become false
- ▶ If you do not do that, your program will fall into an infinite loop and will be unable to stop (Press Ctrl-C to stop such a program)
- ▶ `do ... while` is far less used than `while` and `for`
- ▶ The same constructs are provided in the majority of other programming languages

Arrays in C

- ▶ See first lecture for introduction
- ▶ In C you declare an array by specifying the size between square brackets
- ▶ Example: `int my_array[50];`
- ▶ The former is an array of 50 elements
- ▶ The first element is at position 0, the last one is at position 49

Accessing an Array in C

- ▶ To write an element, you specify its position

```
1  my_array[2] = 34;  
2  my_array[0] = my_array[2];
```

- ▶ Pay attention: if you specify a position outside the limit, you will have unpredictable results segmentation fault, bus error, etc.
- ▶ And obviously wrong
- ▶ Note the different meaning of brackets
- ▶ Brackets in declaration describe the dimension, while in program they are the index operator

Arrays with Initialization

- ▶ C allows also the following declarations:

```
1  int first_array[]    = {12, 45, 7, 34};  
2  int second_array[4] = {1, 4, 16, 64};  
3  int third_array[4]  = {0, 0};
```

- ▶ It is not possible to specify more values than the declared size of the array
- ▶ The following is wrong:

```
1  int wrong[3] = {1, 2, 3, 4};
```

Typical Structure of a C Program

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int rect_area(int length, int width) {
3      int area;
4      area = length * width;
5      return area;
6  }
7
8  int main() {
9      int a, b;
10     a = rect_area(5, 7);
11     printf("Area of first rectangle is %d\n", a);
12     b = rect_area(3, 4);
13     printf("Area of second rectangle is %d\n", b);
14     return 0;
15 }
```

Predefined and User Defined Functions

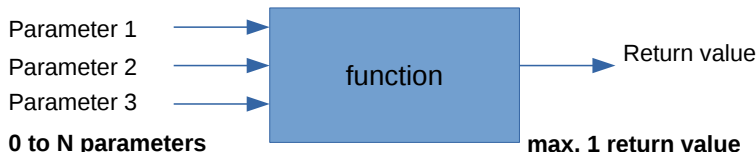
- ▶ Predefined functions are functions provided by the language or by the host
- ▶ Operating system
 - ▶ Library functions: they usually provide general purpose functionalities
- ▶ User defined functions are defined by the program
 - ▶ Usually targeted to the problem being solved

Functions: Motivation

- ▶ Writing a 50000 lines long main function can be really difficult
- ▶ Splitting the code into many small pieces has many advantages:
 - ▶ Easier to develop
 - ▶ Easier to maintain and debug
 - ▶ Increased opportunities to reuse the code
- ▶ An example: the `printf` function
 - ▶ Developed by specialists
 - ▶ Up to now we used it without knowing how it works internally
 - ▶ Should there be a bug in it, by just using an updated version you can fix your code at once

Some Analogies

- ▶ A function can be thought as a mathematical function
- ▶ A function can be thought as a black box performing some functionality



Functions in C

- ▶ **Function declaration** (prototyping)
- ▶ **Function call** (use)
- ▶ **Function definition**
- ▶ Call should be preceded by prototyping (ANSI C (American National Standards Institute) strongly advises this)
- ▶ There can be many declarations and many calls
- ▶ There must be exactly one definition

Prototyping

- ▶ The prototype is a statement declaring
`return_type functionname(parameters);`
- ▶ Returned type is the type of the data
 - ▶ may be empty, default type is `int`
 - ▶ always declare the `return_type` explicitly
- ▶ Name follows the usual rules
- ▶ Parameters specify the number and types of the possible parameters
 - ▶ may be empty
 - ▶ always use explicit `void`, if function does not take arguments

The `void` Keyword

- ▶ `void` can be used to specify that
 - ▶ The function does not return any value
 - ▶ The function does not take any parameter
- ▶ `int unknown(void);`
 - ▶ function does not take any parameters
- ▶ `int unknown();`
 - ▶ function takes arbitrary number of parameters (to be compliant with the old Kernighan & Ritchie style)

Remember the Difference

- ▶ `void`
 - ▶ No return value
 - ▶ No parameter
- ▶ `void *`
 - ▶ Generic pointer (a pointer with no specific type which can be casted to any type)

Prototyping: Why?

- ▶ By having a prototype the compiler can check if the calls are performed correctly
 - ▶ Number of parameters, types, etc.
- ▶ It is now clear why prototypes should always appear before calls

Prototypes: Examples

- ▶ Prototypes of functions in `math.h`

```
double sqrt(double x);
```

```
double pow(double x, double y);
```

- ▶ User defined function prototypes

```
int find_max(int v[], int dim);
```

```
void print_menu(char *options[], int dim);
```

```
void do_something(void);
```

- ▶ `void` specifies no return value and empty parameters list

Typical Structure of a C Program

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 int rect_area(int length, int width);
3 float b_func(int a, int b);
4 int main() {
5     ...
6     c = rect_area(5, 7);
7     b_func(11, 6);
8     return 0;
9 }
10 int rect_area(int length, int width) {
11     ... /* do some operations */
12     return area;
13 }
14 float b_func(int a, int b) {
15     ... /* do some operations */
16     return c;
17 }
```

Calling a Function

- ▶ To call a function you insert its name
 - ▶ Function call is a statement
- ▶ You have to provide suitable parameters
 - ▶ Number and type of parameters must match function declaration
- ▶ The result of a function can be ignored

An Example

```
1 #include <math.h>
2 #include <stdio.h>
3 int main() {
4     double number, root;
5     scanf("%lf", &number);
6     if (number >= 0) {
7         root = sqrt(number);
8         printf("Square root is %f\n", root);
9         sqrt(number); /* useless but legal */
10        /* What can I print now? */
11    }
12    else
13        printf("Cannot calc square root\n");
14    return 0;
15 }
```

```
gcc -Wall -lm -o example example.c
```

Function Definition

- ▶ The function definition specifies what a functions does
- ▶ Function definitions can contain everything (variables definitions, cycles, branches, etc) but NOT other function definitions
- ▶ A function terminates when
 - ▶ it executes the last instruction
 - ▶ it encounters a return statement
- ▶ Definition starts with the function header
`return` type, name, parameters info
- ▶ Braces to define where the function starts and ends
- ▶ Business statements (instructions for carrying out the function's task)

Finding the Maximum Value in an Array

```
1  /*  v[]: array of ints
2      dim: number of elements in v
3      Returns the greatest element in v
4  */
5  int findmax(int v[], int dim) {
6      int i, max;
7
8      max = v[0];
9      for (i = 1; i < dim; i++) {
10         if (v[i] > max)
11             max = v[i];
12     }
13     return max;
14 }
```

Looking for an Element

```
1  /*  v[]: array of ints
2      dim: number of elements in v
3      t: element to find
4      Returns -1 if t is not present in v or
5          its position in v
6  */
7  int find_element(int v[], int dim, int t)  {
8      int i;
9      for (i = 0; i < dim; i++) {
10         if (v[i] == t)
11             return i;
12     }
13     return -1;
14 }
```

What Happens when a Function is Called?

- ▶ The given parameters are copied into the corresponding entry in the parameters list
- ▶ The control is transferred to the function
- ▶ When the called function terminates, the control goes back to the caller function

Flow of Execution

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int main() {
4     int array[] = {2, 4, 8, 16, 32};
5     int result;
6
7     result = find_element(array, 5, 37);
8     if (result == -1)
9         printf("37 is not present\n");
10
11     return 0;
12 }
```

Comment your Functions

- ▶ Every function should be commented
 - ▶ Describe what the function does
 - ▶ Describe each parameter (type and meaning)
 - ▶ Describe what the function returns
- ▶ Look at the UNIX man pages to have an idea of how function documentation should look like
`man strcmp`

Local Variables

- ▶ Variables can be declared inside any function
 - ▶ These are called local variables
 - ▶ Local variables are created when the function is called (e.g., the control is transferred to the function) and are destroyed when the function terminates
- ▶ Local variables do not retain their values between different calls

The Concept of Scope

- ▶ The scope of a name (function, variable, constant) is the part of the program where that name can be used
- ▶ The scope of a local variable is the function where it is defined
 - ▶ From the point of its definition
- ▶ Names having different scopes do not clash

Global Scope

- ▶ The scope of the names of functions goes from the prototype/definition to the end of file
- ▶ After their name is known they can be used, i.e., called
- ▶ It is possible to define global variables, i.e., variables outside function
 - ▶ Their scope is from the point of definition to the end of the file
 - ▶ After their definition is given they can be used, i.e., written and read

Local and Global Scope

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 //global variable
4 int x = 7;
5
6 void xlocal(int y) {
7     int x;
8     x = y * y;
9     printf("xlocal: %d\n", x);
10    return;
11 }
12
13 void xglobal(int y) {
14     x = y * x;
15     printf("xglobal: %d\n", x);
16     return;
17 }
```

```
1 int main() {
2     //int x;
3     // try to explain if not
4     // commented out
5     x = 8;
6     printf("main: %d\n", x);
7     xlocal(x);
8     printf("main: %d\n", x);
9     xglobal(x);
10    printf("main: %d\n", x);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Do not Misuse Global Variables

- ▶ Global variables can be used to communicate parameters between functions
- ▶ They can introduce subtle bugs in your code
- ▶ In general try to avoid them unless enormous advantages can be gained at a price of low risk
 - ▶ Document why you insert them
- ▶ Bigger projects will avoid using global variables

Parameters

- ▶ Function parameters are treated as local variables
- ▶ Local variables within functions and parameters must have different names
- ▶ Therefore the scope of a parameter is its function

Parameters: by Value and by Reference

- ▶ **By value:** variables are copied to parameters
 - ▶ Changes made to parameters are not seen outside the function
- ▶ **By reference:** variables and parameters coincide
 - ▶ Changes made to parameters are seen outside the function
 - ▶ In C this is obtained by mean of pointers

Example: Passing by Value (1)

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2 void increase(int par) {
3     par++;
4 }
5 /* In this case no prototype:
6     can you tell why? */
7 int main() {
8     int number = 5;
9     increase(number);
10    printf("Increased number is %d\n", number);
11    /* not as expected? */
12    return 0;
13 }
```

Example: Passing by Value (2)

1) 5
number

2) 5
par

3) 6
par

4) ~~6~~
~~**par**~~

5) 5
number

Parameters by Reference in C

- ▶ C passes only parameters by value
- ▶ For references it is necessary to provide a pointer to the variable
- ▶ In order to make a modification visible
- ▶ Outside it is necessary to use the dereference (*) operator

Example: Passing by Reference (1)

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 void increase(int *par) {
4     *par = *par + 1;
5 }
6
7 int main() {
8     int number = 5;
9     increase(&number); /* pass pointer */
10    printf("Increased number is %d", number);
11    return 0;
12 }
```

Example: Passing by Reference (1)

- 1)

5

number
- 2)

5

par is pointing to number `par = &number`
par is the copy of the memory address of `number`
- 3)

6

number manipulated via pointer `par`
- 4) **`par` is deleted as the copy of the address**
- 5)

6

number

Indentation Styles (1)

- ▶ Use spaces between operators: `a = b + 5;`
- ▶ Exception: `b++;`
- ▶ Do not use spaces if parentheses act as delimiter (functions)
`printf("Number %d", b);`
- ▶ But use spaces before after `if`, `for`, `while`:
`while (i <= 10)`
- ▶ Always put a space after comma
- ▶ Do not put a space before semicolon:
`printf("Number %d", b);`

Indentation Styles (2)

- ▶ Put the opening brace either behind last word (including space) or put it on the next line
- ▶ Indent the block inside by tab or 4 (8) spaces
- ▶ The closing brace should be on the same column as the opening statement

```
1 for (i = 0; i < 10; i++) {    // K&R style
2     printf("%d\n", i);
3 }
```

or

```
1 for (i = 0; i < 10; i++)      // Allman style
2 {
3     printf("%d\n", i);
4 }
```

Strings

- ▶ A string is a sequence of characters
- ▶ Strings are often the main way used to communicate information to the user
- ▶ Many languages provide a string data type, but C does not
- ▶ In C strings are treated as arrays of characters
- ▶ `char my_string[30];`

C strings

- ▶ A string is represented as a sequence of chars enclosed by double quotes
 - ▶ "This is it"
- ▶ String are stored in arrays of chars
 - ▶ An extra character is always added at the end to mark the end of the string
 - ▶ The extra character is the `'\0'` character i.e., the character whose ASCII code is 0

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fgets versus gets (1)

- ▶ gets does not check if you type more characters than allowed:

```
char inputString[50];  
gets(inputString);
```

- ▶ fgets allows additional parameters:

```
char line[50];  
fgets(line, sizeof(line), stdin);
```

- ▶ Reads up to 49 characters from the input stream
- ▶ The 50th one is used to store the null character '\0'

fgets versus gets (2)

- ▶ `gets` replaces the trailing `'\n'` with a `'\0'`
- ▶ `fgets` does not replace `'\n'`, but it leaves it in the string
- ▶ Read the man pages for learning more on these functions
 - ▶ `man gets`
 - ▶ `man fgets`
- ▶ To make your life easier use `fgets` and convert to integer via `sscanf`
- ▶ Avoid using `gets`, it is unsafe

fgets and scanf together

- ▶ scanf and fgets do not work well together
- ▶ Your code should look like this, if you use both

```
1  scanf("%d", &number);  
2  getchar();  
3  ...  
4  fgets(line, sizeof(line), stdin);  
5  sscanf(line, "%d", &number);
```

String Functions

- ▶ Defined in `string.h`
- ▶ `strlen` Determines the length of a string
- ▶ `strcat` Concatenates two strings
- ▶ `strcpy` Copies one string into another
- ▶ `strcmp` Compares two strings
- ▶ `strchr` Searches a char in a string
- ▶ See man pages
 - ▶ Do not reinvent the wheel, there are many many functions that will help you

Pointers and Address Arithmetic

- ▶ The arithmetic operators for sum and difference (+, -, ++, --, etc) can be applied also to pointers
 - ▶ After all a pointer stores an address, which is an integer
- ▶ These operators are subject to the "address arithmetic".
- ▶ Increasing a pointer means that the pointer will point to the following element
 - ▶ You can also add a number other than 1
- ▶ From a logic point of view the pointer is increased by one. From a physical point of view, the increment depends on the size of the pointed type

Address Arithmetic: Example (1)

```
1 int main() {
2     char a_string[] = "This is a string\0";
3     char *p;
4     int count = 0;
5     printf("The string: %s\n", a_string);
6     for (p = &a_string[0]; *p != '\0'; p++)
7         count++;
8     printf("The string has %d chars.\n", count);
9     p--;
10    printf("Printing the reverse string: ");
11    while (count > 0) {
12        printf("%c", *p);
13        p--;
14        count--;
15    }
16    printf("\n");
17    return 0;
18 }
```



Address Arithmetic: Example (2)

```
1 int main() {
2     char a_string[] = "This is a string\0";
3     char *p;
4     int count = 0;
5     printf("The string: %s\n", a_string);
6     p = a_string;
7     while (*p != '\0') {
8         p++;
9         count++;
10    }
11    printf("The string has %d characters.\n", count);
12    printf("Printing the reverse string: ");
13    p--;
14    while (count > 0) {
15        printf("%c", *p);
16        p--;
17        count--;
18    }
19    printf("\n");
20    return 0;
21 }
```

Increasing a Pointer will Increase the Memory Address Depending on the Size of Type

```

1  #include <stdio.h>
2  #include <stdlib.h>
3  char ch_arr[2] = {'A', 'B'};
4  char *ch_ptr;
5  float f_arr[2] = {1.1, 2.2};
6  float *f_ptr;
7  int main() {
8      ch_ptr = &ch_arr[0];          /* same as ch_ptr = ch_arr */
9      printf("%p\n", ch_ptr);        /* address of 1st elem */
10     ch_ptr++;                      /* increase pointer */
11     printf("%p\n", ch_ptr);        /* address of 2nd elem */
12     printf("%c\n", *ch_ptr);       /* content of 2nd elem */
13     f_ptr = f_arr;                 /* same as &f_arr[0] */
14     printf("%p\n", f_ptr);         /* address of 1st elem */
15     f_ptr++;                       /* increase pointer */
16     printf("%p\n", f_ptr);         /* address of 2nd elem */
17     printf("%f\n", *f_ptr);        /* content of 2nd elem */
18     return 0;
19 }
```

Where to Study?

- ▶ Chapter 2
- ▶ Chapter 3: all, except 3.8
- ▶ Chapter 5 (some parts to be covered next week)