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Ch06 Modularity Using Functions: Part I

Lecture0601 Function and Parameter Declarations

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Objectives

- 6.1 Function and Parameter Declarations
- 6.2 Returning a Value
- 6.3 Case Study: Calculating Age Norms
- 6.4 Standard Library Functions
- 6.5 Common Programming and Compiler Errors

6.1 Function and Parameter Declarations

- A function that is called into action by its reference in another function is a ***called function*** 被调函数
- A function that calls another function is referred to as the ***calling function*** 主调函数

functionName *(data passed to function)* ;

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This identifies
the called
function

This passes data to
the function

Figure 6.1 Calling and passing data to a function

6.1 Function and Parameter Declarations

➤ Program 6.1

```
1. #include <stdio.h>
2. int main(){
3.     void findMax(float, float); //the function
    prototype
4.     float firstnum, secnum;
5.     printf("Enter a number: ");
6.     scanf("%f", &firstnum);
7.     printf("Great! Please enter a second number: ");
8.     scanf("%f", &secnum);
9.     findMax(firstnum, secnum); //the function is called here
10.    return 0;
11. }
```

```
1. //the following is the function findMax
2. void findMax(float x, float y) //this is the function's header line
3. {
4.     float maxnum;
5.     if (x >= y) //find the maximum number
6.         maxnum = x;
7.     else
8.         maxnum = y;
9.     printf("\nThe maximum of the two numbers entered is
    %f\n", maxnum);
10. }
```

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6.1 Function and Parameter Declarations

➤ 1. Function Prototypes 函数原型

— The ***declaration statement*** for a function is referred to as a function prototype

— ***returnDataType functionName(argument data types);***

① **returnDataType** Declares the data type of the value that will be directly returned by the function

② **argument data types** Declares the data type of the values that need to be transmitted to the called function when it is invoked

— e.g. **void findMax(float, float);**

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➤ 1. Function Prototypes (函数原型)

- Function prototypes allow the compiler to check for data type errors
- If the function prototype does not agree with data types specified when the function is written, an error message (typically **TYPE MISMATCH 类型不匹配**) will occur

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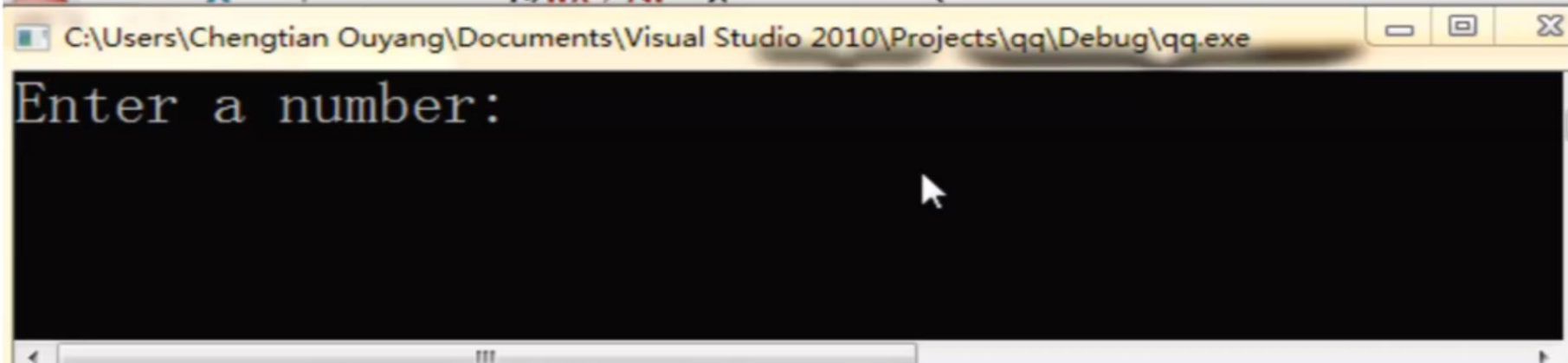
➤ Calling a Function 调用函数

- items enclosed in parentheses in a function **call statement** 调用语句 are *actual arguments* (实参) and *actual parameters*
- *Pass by value* (传值): when a function *receives copies of the values* in each argument and must determine where to store them before it does anything else
- Also referred to as call by value

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➤ Calling and passing two values to Findmax()

```
1  #include <stdio.h>
2  int main(){
3      void findMax(float , float ); //the function
   prototype
4      float firstnum, secnum;
5      printf("Enter a number: ");
6      scanf("%f", &firstnum);
7      printf("Great! Please enter a second number: ");
```



The screenshot shows a Visual Studio 2010 IDE window with a C program. The code defines a function `findMax` and calls it in `main`. The console window shows the prompt "Enter a number:".

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➤ Function Header Line

- **Function header** 函数首部: identifies the data type of the return value, provides the function with a name, and specifies the number, order, and type of values expected by the function
- **Function body** 函数体: operates on the passed data and returns, at most, one value
- The argument names in the header line are known as parameters or **formal parameters** and **formal arguments** 形参

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➤ Function Header Line

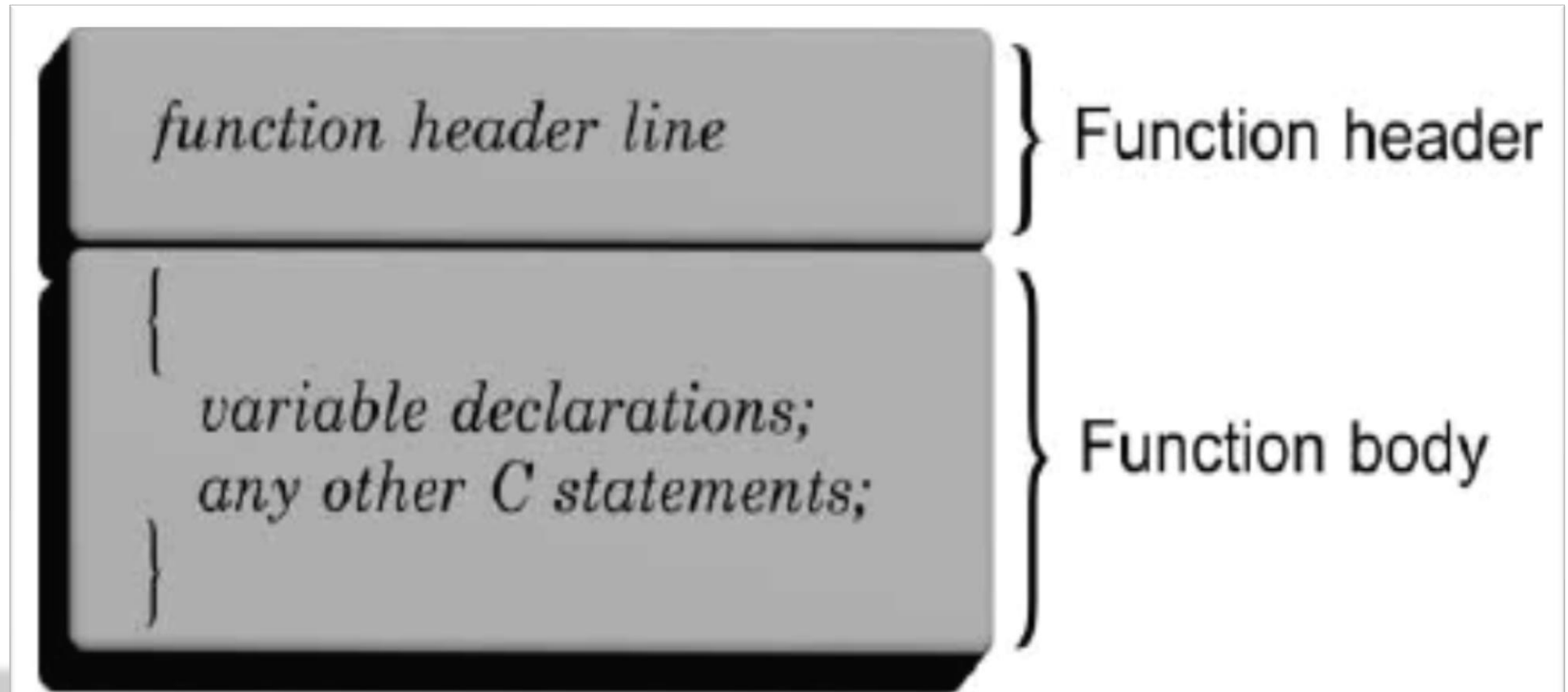
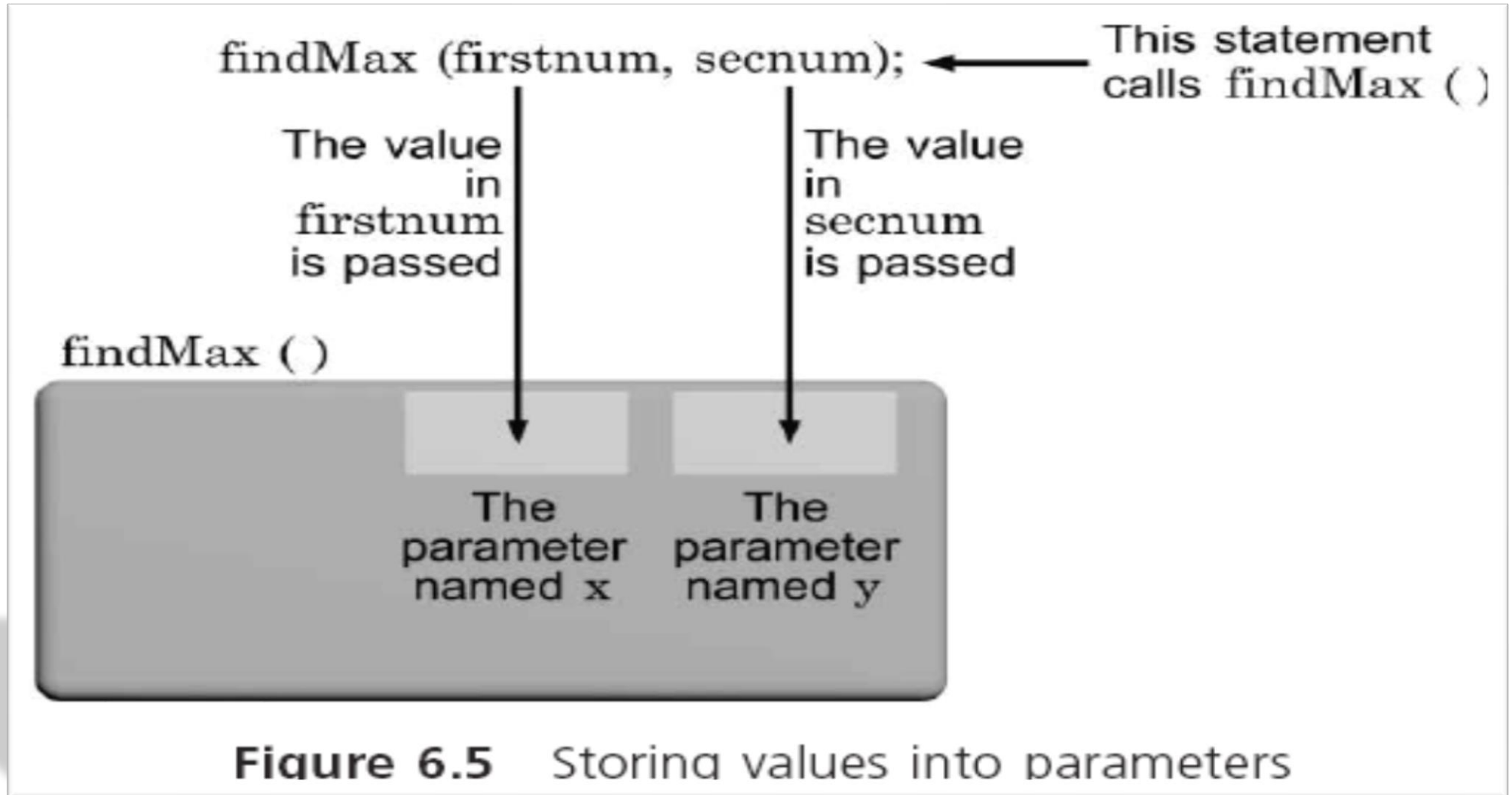


Figure 6.4 General format of a function

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- *main()* must adhere to the rules required for constructing all C functions
- Some programmers prefer to put all called functions at the top of a program and make *main()* the last function listed
- Each C function is a separate and independent entity with its own parameters and variables
- Nested functions are not permitted
- The function's prototype, along with pre- and postconditions should provide all the information necessary to call the function successfully

➤ Placement of Statements

- All preprocessor directives, variables, named constants, and functions, except *main()*, must be either declared or defined before they can be used

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➤ Basic (good) programming structure:

- **preprocessor directives**
- **symbolic constants**
- **function prototypes can be placed here**
- **int main()**
- **{**
- **function prototypes can be placed here**
- **variable declarations;**
- **other executable statements;**
- **return value;**
- **}**

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Program 6.3

```
1  #include <stdio.h> //preprocessor directives
2  int main(){
3      #define MAXCOUNT 4 //symbolic constants
4      void tempConvert(float ); //function prototype
5      int count; //start of variable declarations
6      float fahren;
7      for(count = 1; count <= MAXCOUNT; count++){
8          printf("Enter a Fahrenheit temperature: ");
9          scanf("%f", &fahren);
10         tempConvert(fahren);
11     }
12     return 0;
13 }
14 void tempConvert(float inTemp) /* function header */
15 {
16     printf("The Celsius equivalent is %6.2f\n", (5.0/9.0)*(inTemp-32.0) );
17 }
```

Reference



➤ BOOK

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➤ <https://www.codingunit.com/c-tutorial-first-c-program-hello-world>

