

"C programmers never die. They are just cast into void."

- Alan Perlis

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Structures

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Structures

- Defines a new type
 - Represents structured collection of data
 - Different type is possible
- EX: Planet type
 - Name
 - Diameter
 - Number of moons
 - Number of years to complete one solar orbit
 - Number of hours to complete one rotation.

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Structures

- How to define a structure?
- How to declare a variable?
- How to manipulate individual components?
- How to manipulate whole structures?
 - Assignment

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Structure Definition

```
typedef struct {
    char    name[20];
    double  diameter;
    int     moons;
    double  orbit_time,
           rotation_time;
} planet_t;

planet_t  my_planet;
```

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Structure Definition

- A name chosen for a component of one structure may be the same as the name of a component of another structure or the same as the name of a variable
- The **typedef** statement itself allocates no memory
- A variable declaration is required to allocate storage space for a structured data object

```
planet_t current_planet,
previous_planet,
blank_planet = {"", 0.0, 0, 0.0, 0.0};
```

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Structure Definition (Cont'd)

Variable `blank_planet`, a structure of type `planet_t`

.name	\0 ? ? ? ? ? ? ? ?
.diameter	0.0
.moons	0
.orbit_time	0.0
.rotation_time	0.0

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Structure Definition (Cont'd)

- Hierarchical structure
 - a structure containing components that are structures
- Example

```
typedef struct {
    double diameter;
    planet_t planets[9];
    char galaxy[STRSZ];
} solar_sys_t;
```

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Assigning Values

- Direct component selection operator: a dot (.) placed between a structure type variable and a component name to create a reference to the component

```
strcpy(current_planet.name, "Jupiter");
current_planet.diameter = 142800;
current_planet.moons = 16;
current_planet.orbit_time = 11.9;
current_planet.rotation_time = 9.925;
```

Variable `current_planet`, a structure of type `planet_t`

.name	J u p i t e r \0 ? ?
.diameter	142800.0
.moons	16
.orbit_time	11.9
.rotation_time	9.925

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Manipulating Structures

```
printf("%s's equatorial diameter is %.1f km.\n",
       current_planet.name, current_planet.diameter);
```

→ Jupiter's equatorial diameter is 142800.0 km.

- With no component selection operator refers to the entire structure

```
previous_planet = current_planet;
```
- Direct component operator (.) has the highest precedence.

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Structures as Arguments

- When a structured variable is passed as an input argument to a function, all of its component *values* are copied into the components of the function's corresponding formal parameter.
- When such a variable is used as an output argument, the address-of operator must be applied.
- The equality and inequality operators cannot be applied to a structured type as a unit.

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Structured Input Parameter

```
print_planet(current_planet);
```

```
1. /*
2.  * Displays with labels all components of a planet_t structure
3.  */
4. void
5. print_planet(planet_t pl) /* input - one planet structure */
6. {
7.     printf("%s\n", pl.name);
8.     printf(" Equatorial diameter: %.0f km\n", pl.diameter);
9.     printf(" Number of moons: %d\n", pl.moons);
10.    printf(" Time to complete one orbit of the sun: %.2f years\n",
11.           pl.orbit_time);
12.    printf(" Time to complete one rotation on axis: %.4f hours\n",
13.           pl.rotation_time);
14. }
```

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Comparing Two Structured Values

```
1. #include <string.h>
2.
3. /*
4.  * Determines whether or not the components of planet_1 and planet_2 match
5.  */
6. int
7. planet_equal(planet_t planet_1, /* input - planets to
8.                      planet_t planet_2) /* compare
9. {
10.     return (strcmp(planet_1.name, planet_2.name) == 0 &&
11.            planet_1.diameter == planet_2.diameter &&
12.            planet_1.moons == planet_2.moons &&
13.            planet_1.orbit_time == planet_2.orbit_time &&
14.            planet_1.rotation_time == planet_2.rotation_time);
15. }
```

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Structured Output Argument

```

1. /*
2.  * Fills a type planet_t structure with input data. Integer returned as
3.  * function result is success/failure/EOF indicator.
4.  * 1 => successful input of one planet
5.  * 0 => error encountered
6.  * EOF => insufficient data before end of file
7.  * In case of error or EOF, value of type planet_t output argument is
8.  * undefined.
9.  */
10. int
11. scan_planet(planet_t *plnp) /* output - address of planet_t structure
12.                             to fill */
13. {
14.     int result;
15.
16.     result = scanf("%s%lf%d%lf%lf", (*plnp).name,
17.                    &(*plnp).diameter,
18.                    &(*plnp).moons,
19.                    &(*plnp).orbit_time,
20.                    &(*plnp).rotation_time);
21.
22.     if (result == 5)
23.         result = 1;
24.     else if (result != EOF)
25.         result = 0;
26.
27.     return (result);

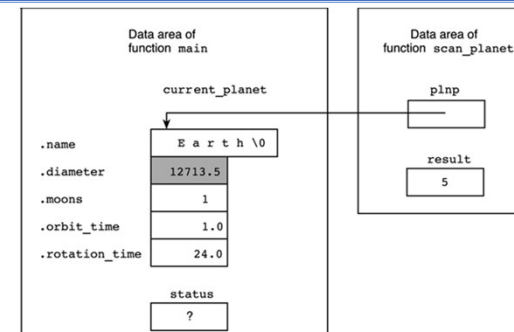
```

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status = scan_planet(¤t_planet);



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Structured Output Argument (Cont'd)

TABLE 11.2 Step-by-Step Analysis of Reference `&(*plnp).diameter`

Reference	Type	Value
<code>plnp</code>	<code>planet_t *</code>	address of structure that <code>main</code> refers to as <code>current_planet</code>
<code>*plnp</code>	<code>planet_t</code>	structure that <code>main</code> refers to as <code>current_planet</code>
<code>(*plnp).diameter</code>	<code>double</code>	12713.5
<code>&(*plnp).diameter</code>	<code>double *</code>	address of colored component of structure that <code>main</code> refers to as <code>current_planet</code>

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Structure as Argument

- In order to use `scanf` to store a value in one component of the structure whose address is in `plnp`, we must carry out the following steps (in order):
 - Follow the pointer in `plnp` to the structure.
 - Select the component of interest.
 - Unless this component is an array, get its address to pass to `scanf`.
- `&*plnp.diameter` would attempt step 2 before step 1.

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Structure as Argument (Cont'd)

- Indirect component selection operator
 - the character sequence -> placed between a pointer variable and a component name creates a reference that follows the pointer to a structure and selects the component
- Two expressions are equivalent.

`(*structp).component`
`structp->component`

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Structure as Argument (Cont'd)

- ```
result = scanf("%s%lf%d%lf%lf",
 plnp->name,
 &plnp->diameter,
 &plnp->moons,
 &plnp->orbit_time,
 &plnp->rotation_time);
```

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## Returning a Structured Result

- The function returns the *values* of all components.  
`current_planet = get_planet();`
- However, `scan_planet` with its ability to return an integer error code is the more generally useful function.

```
1. /*
2. * Gets and returns a planet_t structure
3. */
4. planet_t
5. get_planet(void)
6. {
7. planet_t planet;
8.
9. scanf("%s%lf%d%lf%lf", planet.name,
10. &planet.diameter,
11. &planet.moons,
12. &planet.orbit_time,
13. &planet.rotation_time);
14. return (planet);
15. }
```

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## Compute an Updated Time Value

```
typedef struct {
 int hour, minute, second;
} time_t;
time_now = new_time(time_now, secs);
```

```
1. /*
2. * Computes a new time represented as a time_t structure
3. * and based on time of day and elapsed seconds.
4. */
5. time_t
6. new_time(time_t time_of_day, /* input - time to be
7. updated
8. */
9. int elapsed_secs) /* input - seconds since last update */
10. {
11. int new_hr, new_min, new_sec;
12.
13. new_sec = time_of_day.second + elapsed_secs;
14. time_of_day.second = new_sec % 60;
15. new_min = time_of_day.minute + new_sec / 60;
16. time_of_day.minute = new_min % 60;
17. new_hr = time_of_day.hour + new_min / 60;
18. time_of_day.hour = new_hr % 24;
19.
20. return (time_of_day);
21. }
```

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```

time_now = new_time(time_now,secs);

```

|    |    |    |
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```

time_t
new_time(time_t time_of_day, intelapsed_secs)
{
 int new_hr, new_min, new_sec;

 new_sec = time_of_day.second + elapsed_secs;
 time_of_day.second = new_sec % 60;
 new_min = time_of_day.minute + new_sec / 60;
 time_of_day.minute = new_min % 60;
 new_hr = time_of_day.hour + new_min / 60;
 time_of_day.hour = new_hr % 24;

 return (time_of_day);
}

```

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- **Abstract Data Type (ADT)**

- We must also provide basic operations for manipulating our own data types.

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## Abstract Data Type

A circular diagram representing a data structure. In the center is a shaded circle labeled `planet_t`. Surrounding this central circle is a larger circle divided into four segments by radial lines. The segments are labeled as follows, starting from the top-right and moving clockwise: `scan_planet`, `print_planet`, `planet_equal`, and an ellipsis `...`.

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## Type and Operators for Complex Numbers

```

1. /*
2. * Operators to process complex numbers
3. */
4. #include <stdio.h>
5. #include <math.h>
6.
7. /* User-defined complex number type */
8. typedef struct {
9. double real, imag;
10. } complex_t;
11.
12. int scan_complex(complex_t *c);
13. void print_complex(complex_t c);
14. complex_t add_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2);
15. complex_t subtract_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2);
16. complex_t multiply_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2);
17. complex_t divide_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2);
18. complex_t abs_complex(complex_t c);
19.

```

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```

21. int
22. main(void)
23. {
24. complex_t com1, com2;
25.
26. /* Gets two complex numbers
27. printf("Enter the real and imaginary parts of a complex number\n");
28. printf("separated by a space> ");
29. scan_complex(&com1);
30. printf("Enter a second complex number> ");
31. scan_complex(&com2);
32.
33. /* Forms and displays the sum
34. printf("\n");
35. print_complex(com1);
36. printf(" + ");
37. print_complex(com2);
38. printf(" = ");
39. print_complex(add_complex(com1, com2));
40.
41. /* Forms and displays the difference
42. printf("\n\n");

```

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```

43. print_complex(com1);
44. printf(" - ");
45. print_complex(com2);
46. printf(" = ");
47. print_complex(subtract_complex(com1, com2));
48.
49. /* Forms and displays the absolute value of the first number
50. printf("\n\n");
51. print_complex(com1);
52. printf("| = ");
53. print_complex(abs_complex(com1));
54. printf("\n");
55.
56. return (0);
57. }

```

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```

59. /*
60. * Complex number input function returns standard scanning error code
61. * 1 => valid scan, 0 => error, negative EOF value => end of file
62. */
63. int
64. scan_complex(complex_t *c) /* output - address of complex variable to
65. fill
66.
67. {
68. int status;
69.
70. status = scanf("%lf%lf", &c->real, &c->imag);
71. if (status == 2)
72. status = 1;
73. else if (status != EOF)
74. status = 0;
75.
76. return (status);
77. }

```

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| Operator | Description                                      | Associativity |
|----------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| ()       | Parentheses or function call                     | left to right |
| []       | Brackets or array subscript                      |               |
| .        | Dot or Member selection operator                 |               |
| ->       | Arrow operator                                   |               |
| ++ --    | Postfix increment/decrement                      | right to left |
| ++ --    | Prefix increment/decrement                       |               |
| + -      | Unary plus and minus                             |               |
| ! ~      | not operator and bitwise complement              |               |
| (type)   | type cast                                        | left to right |
| *        | Indirection or dereference operator              |               |
| &        | Address of operator                              |               |
| sizeof   | Determine size in bytes                          |               |
| * / %    | Multiplication, division and modulus             | left to right |
| + -      | Addition and subtraction                         | left to right |
| << >>    | Bitwise left shift and right shift               | left to right |
| < <=     | relational less than/less than equal to          | left to right |
| > >=     | relational greater than/greater than or equal to |               |
| == !=    | Relational equal to or not equal to              | left to right |
| &&       | Bitwise AND                                      | left to right |
| ^        | Bitwise exclusive OR                             | left to right |
|          | Bitwise inclusive OR                             | left to right |
| &&       | Logical AND                                      | left to right |
|          | Logical OR                                       | left to right |
| ?:       | Ternary operator                                 | right to left |
| =        | Assignment operator                              | right to left |
| += -=    | Addition/subtraction assignment                  |               |
| *= /=    | Multiplication/division assignment               |               |
| %= &=    | Modulus and bitwise assignment                   |               |
| ^=  =    | Bitwise exclusive/inclusive OR assignment        |               |
| <<= >>=  |                                                  |               |
| ,        | comma operator                                   | left to right |

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```

78. /*
79. * Complex output function displays value as (a + bi) or (a - bi),
80. * dropping a or b if they round to 0 unless both round to 0
81. */
82. void
83. print_complex(complex_t c) /* input - complex number to display */
84. {
85. double a, b;
86. char sign;
87.
88. a = c.real;
89. b = c.imag;
90.
91. printf("(");
92.
93. if (fabs(a) < .005 && fabs(b) < .005) {
94. printf("%.2f", 0.0);
95. } else if (fabs(b) < .005) {
96. printf("%.2f", a);
97. } else if (fabs(a) < .005) {
98. printf("%.2fi", b);
99. } else {
100. if (b < 0)
101. sign = '-';
102. else
103. sign = '+';
104. printf("%.2f %c %.2fi", a, sign, fabs(b));
105. }
106. }

```

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```

110. /*
111. * Returns sum of complex values c1 and c2
112. */
113. complex_t
114. add_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2) /* input - values to add */
115. {
116. complex_t csum;
117.
118. csum.real = c1.real + c2.real;
119. csum.imag = c1.imag + c2.imag;
120. return (csum);
121. }

```

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```

124. /*
125. * Returns difference c1 - c2
126. */
127. complex_t
128. subtract_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2) /* input parameters */
129. {
130. complex_t cdiff;
131. cdiff.real = c1.real - c2.real;
132. cdiff.imag = c1.imag - c2.imag;
133.
134. return (cdiff);
135. }
136.

```

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```

137. /* ** Stub **
138. * Returns product of complex values c1 and c2
139. */
140. complex_t
141. multiply_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2) /* input parameters */
142. {
143. printf("Function multiply_complex returning first argument\n");
144. return (c1);
145. }
146.
147. /* ** Stub **
148. * Returns quotient of complex values (c1 / c2)
149. */
150. complex_t
151. divide_complex(complex_t c1, complex_t c2) /* input parameters */
152. {
153. printf("Function divide_complex returning first argument\n");
154. return (c1);
155. }
156.

```

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```

157. /*
158. * Returns absolute value of complex number c
159. */
160. complex_t
161. abs_complex(complex_t c) /* input parameter */
162. {
163. complex_t cabs;
164.
165. cabs.real = sqrt(c.real * c.real + c.imag * c.imag);
166. cabs.imag = 0;
167.
168. return (cabs);
169. }

```

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## Parallel Arrays & Array of Structures

### Parallel Arrays

```

int id[50]; /* id numbers and */
double gpa[50]; /* gpa's of up to 50 students */

```

```

double x[NUM_PTS], /* (x,y) coordinates of */ y[NUM_PTS]; /* up to
NUM_PTS points */

```

### Array of Structures

A more natural and convenient organization is to group the information in a structure whose type we define.

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## Array of Structures

- Ex. 1
 

```

#define MAX_STU 50
typedef struct {
 int id;
 double gpa;
} student_t;
...
student_t stulist[MAX_STU];

```
- Ex. 2
 

```

#define NUM_PTS 10
typedef struct {
 double x, y;
} point_t;
...
point_t polygon[NUM_PTS];

```

| Array stulist |           |                       |
|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|               | .id       | .gpa                  |
| stulist[0]    | 609465503 | 2.71 ← stulist[0].gpa |
| stulist[1]    | 512984556 | 3.09                  |
| stulist[2]    | 232419569 | 2.98                  |
| ...           | ...       | ...                   |
| stulist[49]   | 173745903 | 3.98                  |

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## Universal Measurement Conversion

```

Data file units.dat:
miles mi distance 1609.3
kilometers km distance 1000
yards yd distance 0.9144
meters m distance 1
quarts qt liquid_volume 0.94635
liters l liquid_volume 1
gallons gal liquid_volume 3.7854
milliliters ml liquid_volume 0.001
kilograms kg mass 1
grams g mass 0.001
slugs slugs mass 0.14594

```

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## Universal Measurement Conversion

```

1. /*
2. * Converts measurements given in one unit to any other unit of the same
3. * category that is listed in the database file, units.dat.
4. * Handles both names and abbreviations of units.
5. */
6. #include <stdio.h>
7. #include <string.h>
8.
9. #define NAME_LEN 30 /* storage allocated for a unit name */
10. #define ABBREV_LEN 15 /* storage allocated for a unit abbreviation */
11. #define CLASS_LEN 20 /* storage allocated for a measurement class */
12. #define NOT_FOUND -1 /* value indicating unit not found */
13. #define MAX_UNITS 20 /* maximum number of different units handled */
14.
15. typedef struct { /* unit of measurement type */
16. char name[NAME_LEN]; /* character string such as "milligrams" */
17. char abbrev[ABBREV_LEN]; /* shorter character string such as "mg" */
18. char class[CLASS_LEN]; /* character string such as "pressure",
19. "distance", "mass" */
20. double standard; /* number of standard units equivalent
21. to this unit */
22. } unit_t;
23.
24. int fscan_unit(FILE *file, unit_t *unitp);
25. void load_units(int unit_max, unit_t units[], int *unit_sizep);
26. int search(const unit_t units[], const char *target, int n);
27. double convert(double quantity, double old_stand, double new_stand);

```

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## Universal Measurement Conversion

```

29. int
30. main(void)
31. {
32. unit_t units[MAX_UNITS]; /* units classes and conversion factors */
33. int num_units; /* number of elements of units in use */
34. char old_units[NAME_LEN]; /* units to convert (name or abbrev) */
35. char new_units[NAME_LEN]; /* units to convert to (name or abbrev) */
36. int status; /* input status */
37. double quantity; /* value to convert */
38.

```

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## Universal Measurement Conversion

```

39. int old_index, /* index of units element where
40. old units found */
41. new_index; /* index where new_units found */
42.
43. /* Load units of measurement database */
44. load_units(MAX_UNITS, units, &num_units);
45.
46. /* Convert quantities to desired units until data format error
47. (including error code returned when q is entered to quit) */
48. printf("Enter a conversion problem or q to quit.\n");
49. printf("To convert 25 kilometers to miles, you would enter\n");
50. printf("> 25 kilometers miles\n");
51. printf(" or, alternatively,\n");
52. printf("> 25 km mi\n");
53.

```

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```

54. for (status = scanf("%lf%s", &quantity, old_units, new_units);
55. status == 3;
56. status = scanf("%lf%s", &quantity, old_units, new_units)) {
57. printf("Attempting conversion of %.4f %s to %s . . .\n",
58. quantity, old_units, new_units);
59. old_index = search(units, old_units, num_units);
60. new_index = search(units, new_units, num_units);
61. if (old_index == NOT_FOUND)
62. printf("Unit %s not in database\n", old_units);
63. else if (new_index == NOT_FOUND)
64. printf("Unit %s not in database\n", new_units);
65. else if (strcmp(units[old_index].class,
66. units[new_index].class) != 0)
67. printf("Cannot convert %s (%s) to %s (%s)\n",
68. old_units, units[old_index].class,
69. new_units, units[new_index].class);
70. else
71. printf("%.4f %s = %.4f %s\n", quantity, old_units,
72. convert(quantity, units[old_index].standard,
73. units[new_index].standard),
74. new_units);
75. printf("\nEnter a conversion problem or q to quit.\n> ");
76. }
77.
78. return (0);
79.
80.

```

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```

81. /*
82. * Gets data from a file to fill output argument
83. * Returns standard error code: 1 => successful input, 0 => error,
84. * negative EOF value => end of file
85. */
86. int
87. fscan_unit(FILE *filep, /* input - input file pointer */
88. unit_t *unitp) /* output - unit_t structure to fill */
89. {
90. int status;
91.
92. status = fscanf(filep, "%s%s%lf", unitp->name,
93. unitp->abbrev,
94. unitp->class,
95. &unitp->standard);
96.
97. if (status == 4)
98. status = 1;
99. else if (status != EOF)
100. status = 0;
101.
102. return (status);
103. }

```

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```

105. /*
106. * Opens database file units.dat and gets data to place in units until end
107. * of file is encountered. Stops input prematurely if there are more than
108. * unit_max data values in the file or if invalid data is encountered.
109. */
110. void
111. load_units(int unit_max, /* input - declared size of units */
112. unit_t units[], /* output - array of data */
113. int *unit_sizep) /* output - number of data values
114. stored in units */
115. {
116. FILE *inp;
117. unit_t data;
118. int i, status;
119.
120. /* Gets database of units from file */
121. inp = fopen("units.dat", "r");
122. i = 0;
123.
124. for (status = fscan_unit(inp, &data);
125. status == 1 && i < unit_max;
126. status = fscan_unit(inp, &data)) {
127. units[i++] = data;
128. }
129. fclose(inp);
130.
131. /* Issue error message on premature exit */
132. if (status == 0) {
133. printf("\n*** Error in data format ***\n");
134. printf("Using first %d data values ***\n", i);
135. } else if (status != EOF) {
136. printf("\n*** Error: too much data in file ***\n");
137. printf("Using first %d data values ***\n", i);
138. }
139.
140. /* Send back size of used portion of array */
141. *unit_sizep = i;
142. }

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144. /*
145. * Searches for target key in name and abbrev components of first n
146. * elements of array units
147. * Returns index of structure containing target or NOT_FOUND
148. */
149. int
150. search(const unit_t units[], /* array of unit_t structures to search */
151. const char *target, /* key searched for in name and abbrev
152. components */
153. int n) /* number of array elements to search */
154. {
155. int i,
156. found = 0, /* whether or not target has been found */
157. where; /* index where target found or NOT_FOUND */
158.
159. /* Compare name and abbrev components of each element to target */
160. i = 0;
161. while (i < n) {
162. if (strcmp(units[i].name, target) == 0 ||
163 strcmp(units[i].abbrev, target) == 0)
164. found = 1;
165. else
166. ++i;
167. }
168. /* Return index of element containing target or NOT_FOUND */
169. if (found)
170. where = i;
171. else
172. where = NOT_FOUND;
173. return (where);
174. }

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179. /*
180. * Converts one measurement to another given the representation of both
181. * in a standard unit. For example, to convert 24 feet to yards given a
182. * standard unit of inches: quantity = 24, old_stand = 12 (there are 12
183. * inches in a foot), new_stand = 36 (there are 36 inches in a yard),
184. * result is 24 * 12 / 36 which equals 8
185. */
186. double
187. convert(double quantity, /* value to convert */
188. double old_stand, /* number of standard units in one of
189. quantity's original units */
190. double new_stand) /* number of standard units in 1 new unit */
191. {
192. return (quantity * old_stand / new_stand);
193. }

```

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```

Sample run:
Enter a conversion problem or q to quit.
To convert 25 kilometers to miles, you would enter
> 25 kilometers miles
or, alternatively,
> 25 km mi
> 450 km miles
Attempting conversion of 450.0000 km to miles . . .
450.0000km = 279.6247 miles

Enter a conversion problem or q to quit.
> 2.5 qt l
Attempting conversion of 2.5000 qt to l . . .
2.5000qt = 2.3659 l

Enter a conversion problem or q to quit.
> 100 meters gallons
Attempting conversion of 100.0000 meters to gallons . . .
Cannot convert meters (distance) to gallons (liquid_volume)

Enter a conversion problem or q to quit.
> 1234 mg g
Attempting conversion of 1234.0000 mg to g . . .
Unit mg not in database

Enter a conversion problem or q to quit.
> q

```

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## Union Types

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## Union Types

**Union:** Data object that can be interpreted in a variety of ways

- EX: a number can be real number (double) or an integer (int)
- Allows one chunk of memory to be interpreted in multiple ways

```

typedef union {
 int wears_wig;
 char color[20];
} hair_t;
hair_t hair_data;

```

- hair\_data* does not contain both *wears\_wig* and *color* components, but *either* a *wears\_wig* component referenced by *hair\_data.wears\_wig*, or a *color* component referenced by *hair\_data.color*.
- The amount of memory is determined by the largest component of the union.
- How to determine interpretation?
  - How to determine whether to use *wears\_wig* or *color*?

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## Union Types

- Data object that can be interpreted in a variety of ways
  - EX: number

```

typedef union {
 int wears_wig;
 char color[20];
} hair_t;

hair_t his_hair;

```

- Memory requirement is determined by the largest component.
- How to determine interpretation?
  - How to determine whether to use *wears\_wig* or *color*?

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## Union Types

- Data object that can be interpreted in a variety of ways

```
typedef union {
 int wears_wig;
 char color[20];
} hair_t;
```

```
typedef struct {
 int bald;
 hair_t h;
} hair_info_t;
hair_info_t his_hair;
```

- Referencing the appropriate union component is *always* the programmer's responsibility; C can do no checking of the validity of such a component reference.

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## Displays a Structure with a Union

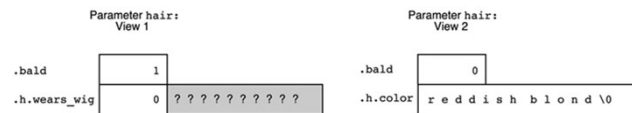
```
1. void
2. print_hair_info(hair_info_t hair) /* input - structure to display */
3. {
4. if (hair.bald) {
5. printf("Subject is bald");
6. if (hair.h.wears_wig)
7. printf(", but wears a wig.\n");
8. else
9. printf(" and does not wear a wig.\n");
10. } else {
11. printf("Subject's hair color is %s.\n", hair.h.color);
12. }
13. }
```

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## Two Interpretations of Parameter hair



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## Compute Area and Perimeter

```
1. /*
2. * Computes the area and perimeter of a variety of geometric figures.
3. */
4.
5. #include <stdio.h>
6. #define PI 3.14159
7.
8. /* Types defining the components needed to represent each shape. */
9. typedef struct {
10. double area,
11. double circumference,
12. double radius;
13. } circle_t;
14.
15. typedef struct {
16. double area,
17. double perimeter,
18. double width,
19. double height;
20. } rectangle_t;
21.
22. typedef struct {
23. double area,
24. double perimeter,
25. double side;
26. } square_t;
```

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## Compute Area and Perimeter

```

28. /* Type of a structure that can be interpreted a different way for
29. each shape
30. typedef union {
31. circle_t circle;
32. rectangle_t rectangle;
33. square_t square;
34. } figure_data_t;
35.
36. /* Type containing a structure with multiple interpretations along with
37. * a component whose value indicates the current valid interpretation
38. typedef struct {
39. char shape;
40. figure_data_t fig;
41. } figure_t;
42.
43. figure_t get_figure_dimensions(void);
44. figure_t compute_area(figure_t object);
45. figure_t compute_perim(figure_t object);
46. void print_figure(figure_t object);
47.

```

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```

47.
48. int
49. main(void)
50. {
51. figure_t onefig;
52.
53. printf("Area and Perimeter Computation Program\n");
54.
55. for (onefig = get_figure_dimensions();
56. onefig.shape != 'Q';
57. onefig = get_figure_dimensions()) {
58. onefig = compute_area(onefig);
59. onefig = compute_perim(onefig);
60. print_figure(onefig);
61. }
62.
63. return (0);
64. }
65.
66. /*
67. * Prompts for and stores the dimension data necessary to compute a
68. * figure's area and perimeter. Figure returned contains a 'Q' in the
69. * shape component when signaling end of data.
70. */
71. figure_t
72. get_figure_dimensions(void)
73. {
74. figure_t object;

```

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```

75. printf("Enter a letter to indicate the object shape or Q to quit.\n");
76. printf("C (circle), R (rectangle), or S (square)> ");
77. object.shape = getchar();
78.
79. switch (object.shape) {
80. case 'C':
81. printf("Enter radius> ");
82. scanf("%lf", &object.fig.circle.radius);
83. break;
84.
85. case 'R':
86. printf("Enter height> ");
87. scanf("%lf", &object.fig.rectangle.height);
88. printf("Enter width> ");
89. scanf("%lf", &object.fig.rectangle.width);
90. break;
91.
92. case 'S':
93. printf("Enter length of a side> ");
94. scanf("%lf", &object.fig.square.side);
95. break;
96.
97. default: /* Error is treated as a QUIT */
98. object.shape = 'Q';
99. }
100.
101. return (object);
102. }
103.
104.
105.

```

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```

107. /*
108. * Computes the area of a figure given relevant dimensions. Returns
109. * figure with area component filled.
110. * Pre: value of shape component is one of these letters: CcRrSs
111. * necessary dimension components have values
112. */
113. figure_t
114. compute_area(figure_t object)
115. {
116. switch (object.shape) {
117. case 'C':
118. case 'c':
119. object.fig.circle.area = PI * object.fig.circle.radius *
120. object.fig.circle.radius;
121. break;
122.
123. case 'R':
124. case 'r':
125. object.fig.rectangle.area = object.fig.rectangle.height *
126. object.fig.rectangle.width;
127. break;
128.
129. case 'S':
130. case 's':
131. object.fig.square.area = object.fig.square.side *
132. object.fig.square.side;
133. break;
134.
135. default:
136. printf("Error in shape code detected in compute_area\n");
137. }
138.
139. return (object);
140. }

```

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## struct vs typedef struct

- Basic use of struct:  

```
struct { int x, y; } var;
```
- Named struct:  

```
struct S { int x, y; };
struct S var;
```
- Typedef and named struct:  

```
struct S { int x, y; };
typedef struct S ST;
ST var;
```
- Or:  

```
typedef struct S { int x, y; } S;
S var;
```
- Or:  

```
typedef struct { int x, y; } ST;
ST var;
```

ST can be S

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## struct vs typedef struct

```
struct S { int x, y; };
typedef struct S ST;
ST var;
```

Note that S is only defined within the context of struct.  
Therefore we can use the name again:

```
struct S { int x, y; };
typedef struct S ST;
ST var;
void S(int a)... /* OK to define S again */
```

However, we ST is in the global namespace....

```
struct S { int x, y; };
typedef struct S ST;
ST var;
void ST(int a)... /* ERROR */
```

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Thanks for listening!