

CSE 220 – C Programming

Structures, Unions,
Enumerations

Custom Data Types:

- Structures
- Union (optional content)
- Enumeration (optional content)

Structure Variables

- Structure: a collection of values
- Members may have different types
- Members have names:
 - To select a member, specify name not position
- Use when we need to store a collection of related data items

Examples

Consider a program that needs to store the following information about a car:

Make, model, engine size, horse power

What variables do you need to declare?

```
char make[30];  
char model[10];  
float engineSize;  
int  horsePower;
```

On Mimir, what is the size of a *char* ?

1 bytes (8 bits)

2 bytes (16 bits)

4 bytes (32 bits)

I don't know

On Mimir, what is the size of a *int* ?

1 bytes (8 bits)

2 bytes (16 bits)

4 bytes (32 bits)

I don't know

On Mimir, what is the size of a *float* ?

1 bytes (8 bits)

2 bytes (16 bits)

4 bytes (32 bits)

I don't know

On Mimir, what is the size of a *char[10]*?

10 bytes (80 bits)

20 bytes (160 bits)

40 bytes (320 bits)

I don't know

Examples

Consider a program that needs to store the following information about a car:

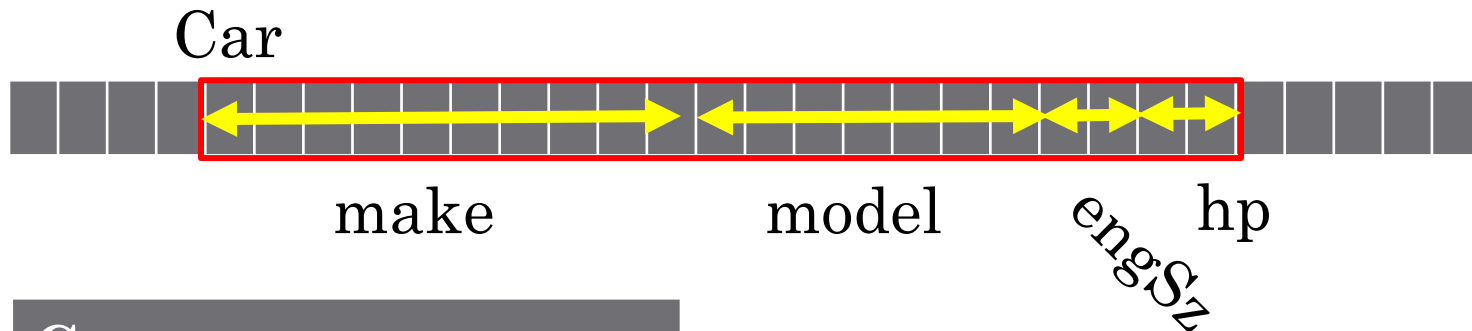
Make, model, engine size, horse power

What if you need to collect this data about 3 cars?

```
char make1[30], make2[30], make3[30];  
char model1[10], model2[10], model3[10];  
float engineSize1, engineSize2, engineSize3;  
int horsepower1, horsepower2, horsepower3;
```

Example

Better to have one variable containing all pieces of information:



Car

```
char make[30];  
char model[10];  
float engineSize;  
int horsepower;
```

On Mimir, what is the size of a *struct Car*?

Car

```
char make[30];  
char model[10];  
float engineSize;  
int  horsepower;
```

48 bytes

56 bytes

60 bytes

I don't know

Declaration

- To declare a structure variable, you need to specify the type, the elements and the variable name

```
struct { ... } var;           //Single variable: var
```

```
struct { ... } var1, var2;    //Multiple variables: var1, var2
```

Example:

```
struct {  
    char make[30];  
    char model[10];  
    float engineSize;  
    int horsepower;  
} car1, car2, car3;
```

Examples

Declare a struct to represent the following:

Circle

```
float x;  
float y;  
float radius;
```

```
struct {  
    float x;  
    float y;  
    float radius;  
} circle;
```

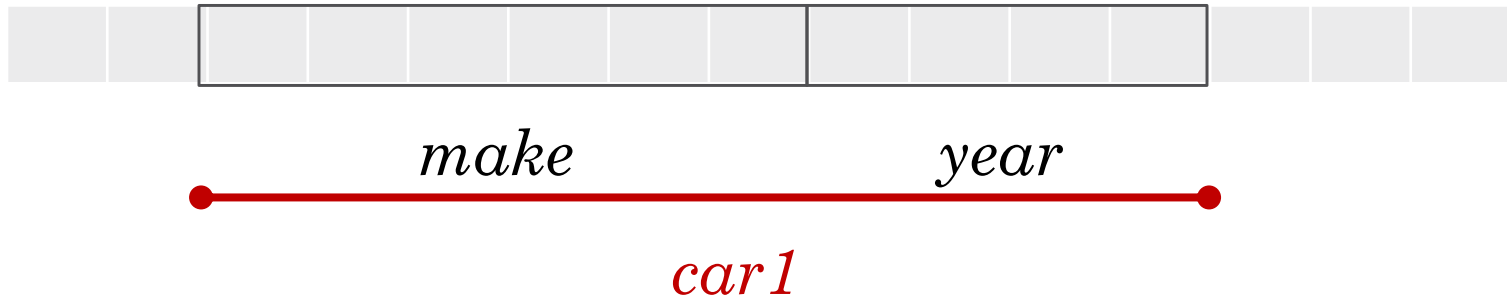
Student

```
char  
name[100];  
int grade;
```

```
struct {  
    char name[100];  
    int grade;  
} student;
```

Storage

```
struct {  
    char make[30];  
    int year;  
} car1;
```



- Members are stored in memory in the order in which they are declared.

Initialization

```
struct {  
    char make[MAX_LEN +1];  
    int year;  
} car1 = {"Volvo", 2008},  
  car2 = {"BMW", 2010};
```

- Variables can be initialized at the same time of declaration
- Values in initializer must appear in the same order as in the structure

Accessing members

- To access the value of a struct member use:
struct_name.member_name:

```
car1.year = 2008;  
strcpy(car1.make, "Ford");  
printf("My new car is a %d %s\n", car2.year, car2.make);  
car2.year++;  
scanf("%d", &car1.year);
```



```
struct {  
    char title[101];  
    int year;  
    float imdb_rating;  
} matrix = {"The Matrix", 1999, 8.7}, lotr;
```

```
strcpy(lotr.title, "Lord of the Rings");  
lotr.imdb_rating = 8.8;  
lotr.year = 2001;
```

```
char * better_movie;  
if (lotr.imdb_rating > matrix.imdb_rating) {  
    better_movie = lotr.title;  
} else {  
    better_movie = matrix.title;  
}  
printf("%s", better_movie);
```

The Matrix

Lord of the Rings

lotr.title

I don't know

What does this
code output?

Copying a struct

- Copy a struct into another:

```
car1 = car2;
```

copies car2.year into car1.year and car2.make into car1.make

- car1 and car2 must have compatible types (see next slide).
- Arrays cannot be copied using the = operator, but when inside a struct, they can.
- Cannot use == or != to check if 2 structs are equal or not

Compatible Structures

```
struct {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
} car1, car2;  
...  
struct {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
} car3;
```

car1 and car2 are compatible

car1 and car3 are not compatible

Structure types

```
struct {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
} car1, car2;  
...  
struct {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
} car3;
```

- Repeating structure information: program hard to maintain
- The 2 structs are **not** compatible with each others
- Solution: define a **type** for the struct or use **tag**

Structure Tag

```
struct Car {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
};    //Need a ; here  
...
```

```
...  
struct Car car1;    //Need the keyword struct  
struct Car car2 = {"Ford", 2009};  
car1 = car2;    //Valid, since types are  
compatible
```

Car is a tag, a name given to that particular structure

You have not yet declared a variable having this structure

```
struct Movie {  
    char title[101];  
    int year;  
    float imdb_rating;  
}  
  
Movie matrix = {"The Matrix", 1999, 8.7};  
Movie lotr = {"Lord of the Rings", 2001, 8.8};  
Movie better_movie;  
  
if (lotr.imdb_rating > matrix.imdb_rating) {  
    better_movie = lotr;  
} else {  
    better_movie = matrix;  
}  
printf("%s", better_movie.title);
```

What does this
code output?

Lord of the Rings

The Better Movie

Error

I don't know

```
struct Movie {  
    char title[101];  
    int year;  
    float imdb_rating;  
};  
  
struct Movie matrix = {"The Matrix", 1999, 8.7};  
struct Movie lotr = {"Lord of the Rings", 2001, 8.8};  
struct Movie better_movie;  
  
if (lotr.imdb_rating > matrix.imdb_rating) {  
    better_movie = lotr;  
} else {  
    better_movie = matrix;  
}  
printf("%s", better_movie.title);
```

What does this
code output?

Lord of the Rings

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Structure Type Definition (optional content)

```
typedef struct {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
} Car;          //Need a ; here
```

...

```
Car car1;          /* Don't need the keyword  
struct, since struct defined with typedef */  
Car car2 = {"Ford", 2009};  
car1 = car2;
```


Arguments and Return value

Structs can be passed as parameters to a function and as return values:

```
void printCarInfo(struct Car car) {  
    printf("%d: %s\n", car.year, car.make);  
}  
struct Car newerCar(struct Car car1, struct Car car2) {  
    if (car1.year > car2.year) {  
        return car1;  
    }  
    return car2;  
}
```

Structs are passed by value (a copy is made and sent to the function)

Pointers to Structs

```
//Define struct type
```

```
struct Circle { float x; float y; float radius;};  
struct Circle c, *ptr;
```

```
//Declare a circle, and a pointer
```

```
ptr = &c;
```

```
//Access using the pointer:
```

```
(*ptr).x = 2.0;
```

```
(*ptr).y = 3.0;
```

```
//Alternative way to access members (optional content):
```

```
ptr -> x = 2.0;
```

```
ptr -> y = 3.0;
```

Nested Structures

- May declare nested structures:

```
struct Engine {  
    float size;  
    int horsepower;  
} ;  
struct Car {  
    char make[M+1];  
    int year;  
    struct Engine engine;  
} ;
```

```
struct Car car1;  
car1.engine.size = 3.0f;  
car1.engine.horsepower = 245;
```

Array of Structs

- Array whose elements are structures:

```
struct Student {  
    char name[M+1];  
    int grade;  
} ;  
struct Student cse_students[50];  
struct Student honors_students[ ] =  
    { {"Jim", 85}, {"Dalia", 95}, {"Katie", 85}};  
printInfo(&honors_students[1]);  
//Pass a pointer to the ith element
```

Array of Structs

- Define printInfo

```
void printInfo(struct Student *stdPtr) {  
    printf("Name: %s\tGrade: %d\n",  
        (*stdPtr).name,  
        (*stdPtr).grade);  
}
```

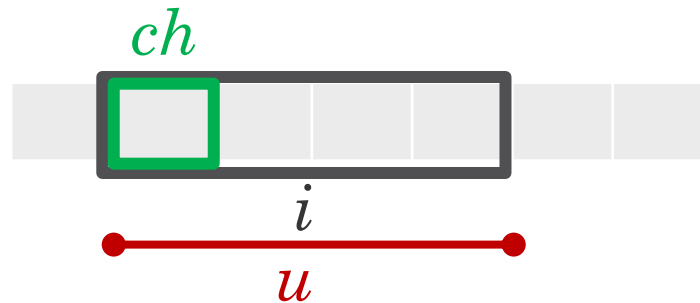
Custom Data Types:

- Structures
- Union (optional content)
- Enumeration (optional content)

Unions (optional content)

- Consist of one or more members, possibly of different types.
- All members share the same space
- Store one member at a time
- Allocates enough space to fit the largest

```
union {  
    char ch;  
    int i;  
} u;
```



Example (optional content)

- Use to build mixed data structures

```
struct Truck {  
    char make[30];  
    int year;  
    float bedLength;  
    int towCap;  
};
```

```
struct Car {  
    char make[30];  
    int year;  
    int seats;  
};
```

```
struct Vehicle {  
    char type;  
    union {  
        struct Truck truck;  
        struct Car car;  
    } details;  
};
```


Enumerations (optional content)

- Enumerated type: type whose values are listed

```
enum {red, yellow, green, blue,  
black, orange} c1, c2;
```

- Enumeration Tag:

```
enum Color {red, yellow, green, blue,  
black, orange};  
enum Color c1, c2;  
//Declare 2 variables of type Color
```

- Enumeration typedef:

```
typedef enum {PASS, FAIL} Grade;  
Grade g1, g2;  
//Declare 2 variables of type Grade
```

Use as integers (optional content)

- Enum variables are stored as integers:

```
enum {red, yellow, green} c1;  
enum {red = 0, yellow = 1, green= 2} c2;  
enum {car = 10, truck = 20, suv = 30,  
bus} vt;  
c1 = green;           //c1 = 2  
vt = truck;           //vt = 20  
int val = vt + 5;      //val = 25  
int y = bus;           //y = 31
```