

# CS 211 : Thurs 01/11 (lecture 03)



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- Topics: input, structs, pointers, dynamic arrays

## January 2024

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## Notes:

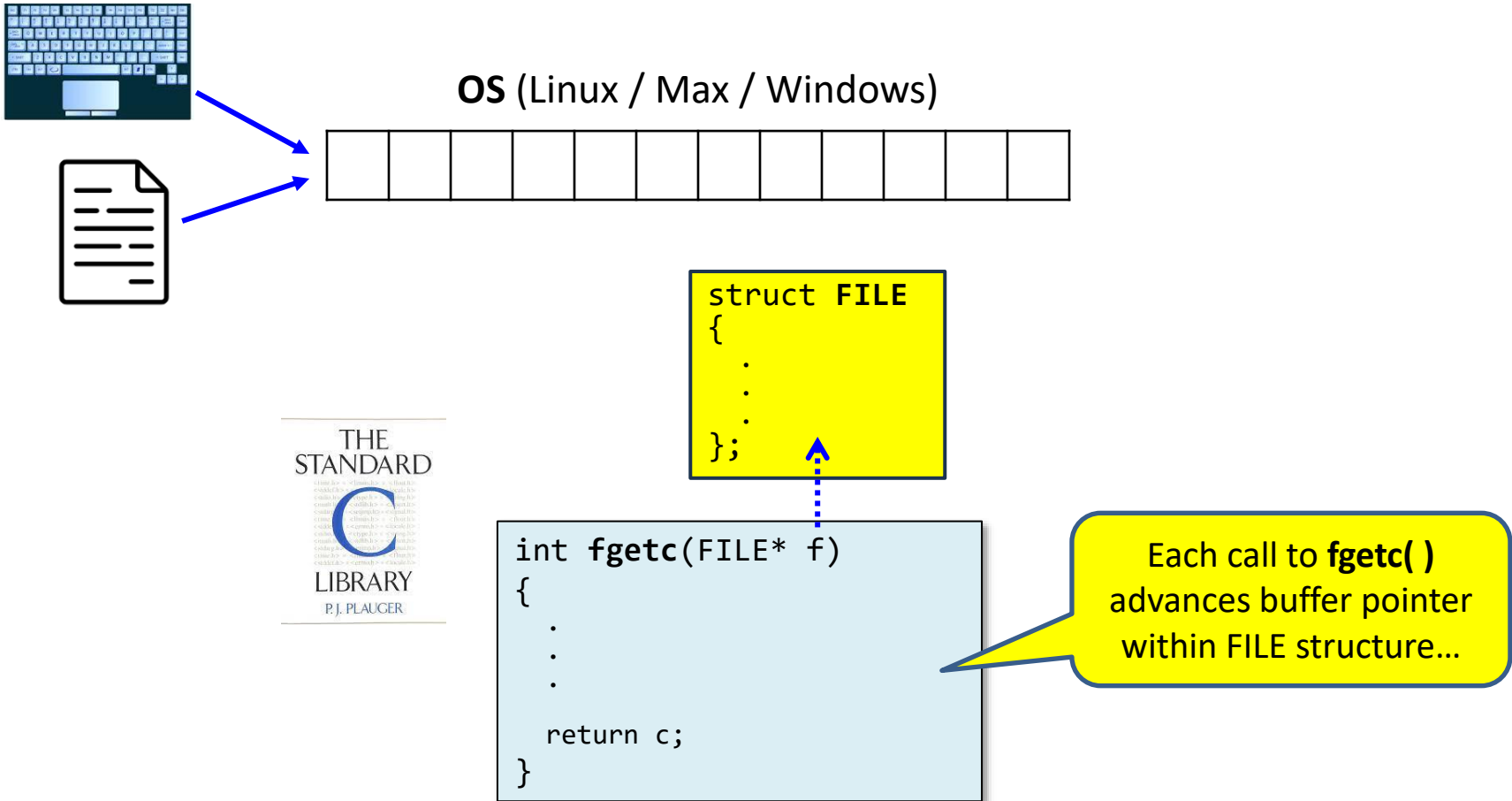
- *Lecture slides available on Canvas*
- ***Project 01** due Friday @ 11:59pm, may be submitted up to 48 hours late (see syllabus). Gradescope is open for submissions (4 per day), test files are posted (Canvas/Piazza has link). Problems with EECS computers? Use replit.*
- ***HW 02** due Tuesday @ 11:59pm*
- *Watch for release of **Project 02** over the weekend*



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# how input works

- Input is buffered by the OS
- C provides functions to call OS and access buffer



# Question #1

1) *Suppose the user types "apple" without the quotes and presses ENTER. What is output?*

```
int main()
{
    int c;

    while (fgetc(stdin) != 'e') {

        c = fgetc(stdin);
        printf("%c,", c);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

"stdin" is predefined pointer  
to the keyboard

**A) a,p,p,l,e,**

**B) a,p,p,l,**

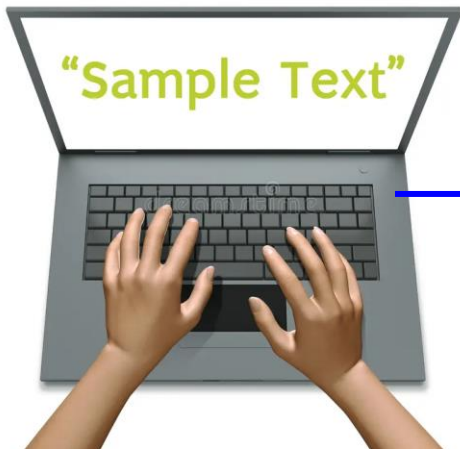
**C) a,p,e**

**D) a,p,**

**E) p,l,**

# ungetc( )

- `ungetc(c, f)` puts `c` back into the buffer pointed to by `f`...



OS (Linux / Max / Windows)



```
struct FILE
{
    .
    .
    .
};
```

```
int ungetc(int c, FILE* f)
{
    .
    .
    .
    return c;
}
```

```
int main()
{
    .
    .
    .
    ungetc(c, stdin);
}
```

## Question #2

2) Suppose the user types "apple" without the quotes and presses ENTER. Which is the correct buffer and pointer after the `ungetc`?

```
int main()
{
    int c;
    c = fgetc(stdin);
    c = fgetc(stdin);

    ungetc('*', stdin);
}
```

A) 

a	*	p	e	e	\n
---	---	---	---	---	----

  
↑

B) 

a	p	*	e	e	\n
---	---	---	---	---	----

  
↑

C) 

*	p	p	e	e	\n
---	---	---	---	---	----

  
↑

# Side-effects

- **fgetc( )** and **ungetc( )** are examples of functions with "side-effects"
- **Calling these functions may change memory**
  - *The buffer and buffer pointer*

# Project 01: string literals

- Here's an approach for handling string literals "..."

```
if (c == '"') // start of a string literal "..."  
{  
    T.id    = ...  
    T.line  = ...  
    T.col   = ...  
  
    int i = 0;  
  
    while (fgetc(input) != '"' && fgetc(input) != '\n') {  
  
        // not yet at end, store and repeat:  
        value[i] = fgetc(input);  
        i++;  
  
        (*colNumber)++;  
    }  
}
```



# Project 01: input

- Project 01 can input from the keyboard or a file...

```
hummel@batgirl$ ./a.out
nuPython input (enter $ when you're done)>
print(x)
Token 25 ('print') @ (1, 1)
Token 1 '(' @ (1, 6)
Token 25 ('x') @ (1, 7)
Token 2 ('))' @ (1, 8)
```



```
hummel@batgirl$ ./a.out test01.py
Token 25 ('print') @ (1, 1)
Token 1 '(' @ (1, 6)
Token 25 ('x') @ (1, 7)
Token 2 ('))' @ (1, 8)
Token -1 ('{' @ (2, 1)
Token 25 ('a') @ (3, 3)
Token -1 ('=' @ (3, 5)
Token 25 ('b') @ (3, 7)
Token -1 (}')' @ (4, 1)
Token 0 ('$') @ (5, 1)
hummel@batgirl$
```



How does this work?



# FILE\* input

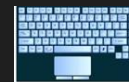
- `main( )` creates pointer to keyboard or file...

```
20 //
21 // main
22 //
23 // usage: program.exe [filename.py]
24 //
25 // If a filename is given, the file is opened and serves as
26 // input to the scanner. If a filename is not given, then
27 // input is taken from the keyboard until $ is input.
28 //
29 int main(int argc, char* argv[])
30 {
31     FILE* input = NULL;
32     bool keyboardInput = false;
33
34     if (argc < 2) {
35         //
36         // no args, just the program name:
37         //
38         input = stdin;
39         keyboardInput = true;
40     }
41     else {
42         //
43         // assume 2nd arg is a nuPython file:
44         //
45         char* filename = argv[1];
46
47         input = fopen(filename, "r");
48     }
```

# scanner\_nextToken( )

- Scanner uses FILE pointer to read input stream...

```
119 struct Token scanner_nextToken(FILE* input, int* lineNumber, int* colNumber, char* value)
120 {
121     assert(input != NULL);
122     assert(lineNumber != NULL);
123     assert(colNumber != NULL);
124     assert(value != NULL);
125
126     struct Token T;
127
128     //
129     // repeatedly input characters one by one until a token is found:
130     //
131     while (true)
132     {
133         //
134         // Get the next input character:
135         //
136         int c = fgetc(input);
137     }
```



OS (Linux / Mac / Windows)



```
struct FILE
{
    .
    .
    .
};
```

```
int fgetc(FILE* f)
{
    .
    .
    .
}
```

# Pointers

- We are starting to see why C has pointers...
- Reason #1: abstraction

*I can write a single function that reads from keyboard or file --- the pointer hides the details of which one it is.*

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# Pointers

- Reason #2: allows function to change memory

*The scanner function can advance the input buffer, the line #, the column #, and return the token value --- because of these pointers*

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137
```

# main( ) + scanner\_nextToken( )

```
64 int lineNumber = -1;
65 int colNumber = -1;
66 char value[256] = "";
67 struct Token T;
68
69 //
70 // setup to start scanning:
71 //
72 scanner_init(&lineNumber, &colNumber, value);
73
74 if (keyboardInput) // prompt the user if appropriate:
75 {
76     printf("nuPython input (enter $ when you're done)>\n");
77 }
78
79 //
80 // call scanner to process input token by token until we see ; or $
81 //
82 T = scanner_nextToken(input, &lineNumber, &colNumber, value);
83
84 while (T.id != nuPy_EOS)
85 {
86     printf("Token %d ('%s') @ (%d, %d)\n", T.id, value);
87
88     T = scanner_nextToken(input, &lineNumber, &colNumber, value);
89 }
90
```

main( )

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# Pointers

- Reason #3: building data structures

## Dynamic array:

```
int main()
{
    int* array;

    array = <<allocate a chunk of memory to start>>;

    .
    . // if array gets full, allocate a bigger array and copy elements
    .
```

# Linked-list:

```
struct Node {  
    int      data;  
    struct Node* next;  
};
```

```
int main()  
{  
    struct Node* list;  
  
    list = NULL; // empty to start  
  
    .  
    . // insert one node for each data element  
    .
```

# Live coding on replit.com

- Login to replit.com
- Open team...
- Open project "**Lecture 03**"



# Dynamic arrays (part 01)

```
int main()
{
    .
    .
    .

    //
    // input numbers into an array:
    //
    int capacity = 100; // initial capacity
    int* A = (int*) malloc(capacity * sizeof(int));

    int N = 0;

    while (!feof(input)) {
        int number;
        int count = fscanf(input, "%d", &number);

        if (count != 1) // input failed:
            break;

        A[N] = number; // store number:
        N++;
    }

    //
    // loop complete, print stats and first/last values:
    //
    printf("number of values: %d\n", N);
    printf("capacity of array: %d\n", capacity);
    printf("first: %d\n", A[0]);
    printf("last: %d\n", A[N-1]);
}
```

- Let's write a program that reads integers from a file and dynamically adapts to the file size

```
if (N == capacity) { // it's full:
    capacity = N * 2;
    A = (int*) realloc(A, capacity * sizeof(int));
}
```

## Question #3

3) *For the large text file with 80,000 numbers, what was the array capacity?*

**A) 100**

**B) 80,000**

**C) 102,400**

**D) 1,000,000**

## Question #4

4) *Do you think it will snow tomorrow?*

**A) Yes**

**B) No**

# What should I be working on?

1. *Project #01 is due Friday @ 11:59pm...*
2. *HW #02 is due Tuesday @ 11:59pm...*
3. *Watch for release of **Project 02** over the weekend*

