

Procedure Programming

Characters

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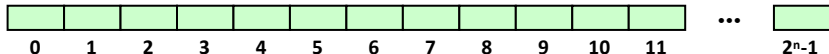
Announcements

- Lab 2 submissions
 - Push to github
 - Check in with me in lab session
 - No crazy corner cases FOR NOW
 - In case you wonder why I...
- Assignment 1 is coming
 - Max group of 3
 - Within the same set
 - No whining due to smaller group size
 - I will make a channel in Discord and this channel will be your golden bible
- Quiz 1 in lecture next week
 - Live coding
 - We will practice the platform in lab next week
 - Coverage beginning including today's lecture

Announcements

- Midterm schedule
 - Finally set
 - Oct 26
 - 9-11
 - NE01 239
 - What I usually do around midterm
- Email protocol exceptions for this week only
 - I want some feedback on Leetcode in lab

Digression – Memory Organization



All modern processors have memories organized as sequence of *numbered bytes*

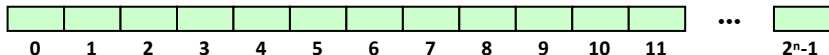
Many (but not all) are linear sequences

Definitions:—

Byte: an 8-bit memory cell capable of storing a value in range 0 ... 255

Address: number by which a memory cell is identified

Memory Organization (continued)



Larger data types are sequences of bytes – e.g.,

short int – 2 bytes

int – 2 or 4 bytes

long – 4 or 8 bytes

float – 4 bytes

double – 8 bytes

(Almost) always aligned to multiple of size in bytes

Address is “first” byte of sequence (i.e., byte zero)

May be low-order or high-order byte

Big endian or Little endian

Definition – *Pointer*



A *value* indicating the *number* of (the first byte of) a data object

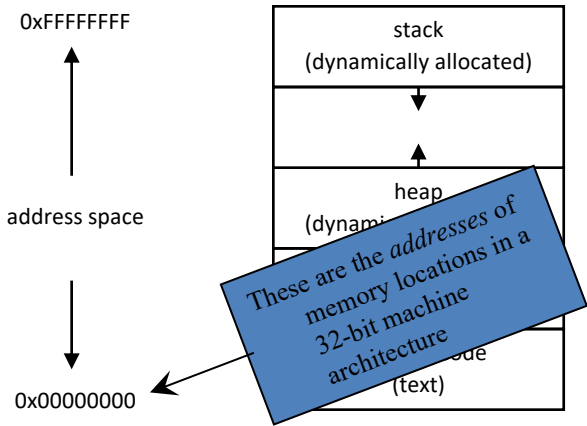
Also called an *Address* or a *Location*

Used in machine language to identify which data to access

E.g., *stack pointer* is address of most recent entry of *The Stack*

Usually 2, 4, or 8 bytes, depending upon machine architecture

Memory Addressing



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Used *everywhere*

- For building useful, interesting, data structures

- For returning data from functions

- For managing arrays

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Not the same as binary '&' operator (bitwise AND)

Declaring Pointers in C

`int *p;` — a pointer to an `int`
`double *q;` — a pointer to a `double`
`char **r;` — a pointer to a pointer to a `char`
`type *s;` — a pointer to an object of type `type`

Declaring Pointers in C (continued)

Pointer declarations:—read from *right* to *left*

```
const int *p;
```

- **p** is a pointer to an integer constant
- i.e., pointer can change, thing it points to cannot

```
int * const q;
```

- **q** is a constant pointer to an integer variable
- i.e., pointer cannot change, thing it points to can!

```
const int * const r;
```

- **r** is a constant pointer to an integer constant

Pointer Arithmetic

```
int *p, *q;
```

```
q = p + 1;
```

Construct a pointer to the next *integer* after ***p** and assign it to **q**

```
double *p, *r;
```

```
int n;
```

```
r = p + n;
```

Construct a pointer to a *double* that is **n doubles** beyond ***p**, and assign it to **r**

n may be negative

Pointer Arithmetic (continued)

```
long int *p, *q;
```

```
p++; q--;
```

Increment **p** to point to the next **long int**; decrement **q** to point to the previous **long int**

```
float *p, *q;
```

```
int n;
```

```
n = p - q;
```

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C never checks that the
resulting pointer is
valid

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Why introduce pointers in the middle of a lesson ?

Arrays and pointers are *closely related* in C

In fact, they are essentially the same thing!

Esp. when used as parameters of functions

```
int A[10];
```

```
int *p;
```

- Type of **A** is **int ***
- **p = A;** and **A = p;** are legal assignments
- ***p** refers to **A[0]**
 ***(p + n)** refers to **A[n]**
- **p = &A[5];** is the same as **p = A + 5;**

Arrays and Pointers (continued)

`double A[10];` vs. `double *A;`

Only difference:—

`double A[10]` sets aside *ten* units of memory, each large enough to hold a `double`, and `A` is initialized to point to the zeroth unit.

`double *A` sets aside *one* pointer-sized unit of memory, not initialized

- You are expected to come up with the memory elsewhere!

Note:— all pointer variables are the same size in any given machine architecture

- Regardless of what types they point to

Note

C does *not* assign arrays to each other

e.g,

```
double A[10];
```

```
double B[10];
```

```
A = B;
```

- assigns the pointer value **B** to the pointer value **A**
- Original contents of array **A** are untouched (and possibly unreachable!)

Arrays as Function Parameters

```
void init(float A[], int arraySize);  
void init(float *A, int arraySize);
```

- Are identical function prototypes!
- Pointer is passed by value
- i.e. caller copies the *value* of a pointer to `float` into the parameter `A`
- Called function can reference *through* that pointer to reach thing pointed to

Streams

All input and output is done with streams

Input stream

A sequence of bytes flowing into a program

Output stream

A sequence of bytes flowing out of a program

Standard Input/Output Streams

stdin stands for Standard Input

Keyboard, Scanner are standard input devices

Standard input is data going into a program

stdout stands for Standard output

Screen, printer are standard output device

Standard output is data going out from a computer

printf()

Output function

printf() prints the value given to the console

Built into the input output header file stdio.h

```
#include <stdio.h>  
int main()  
{  
    printf("Good Morning");  
    return 0;  
}
```

scanf()

Input function

Also built into the header file `stdio.h`

`scanf()` takes input from the user

Uses same format identifier `%d` as `printf()`

```
int x;  
scanf("%d", &x);
```

Note the **&** symbol, `scanf` requires a memory address (called address-of operator)

Format identifiers Console I/O

`%d` will scan or print an integer aka `int` (example: 5)

`%f` will scan or print a floating point aka `float` (example: 5.1)

`%c` will scan or print a character aka `char` (example: m)

`%s` will scan or print a char array aka `string` (example: george)

scanf() and printf() Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main()
{
    int x;
    printf("Enter a value...");
    scanf("%d", &x);
    printf( "\nYou entered: %d", x);
    return 0;
}
```


printf() and scanf() Strings Example

```
char s[20];  
printf("How are you doing?...");  
scanf("%s", s);  
printf( "\nYou entered: %s", s);  
return 0;
```

A string in scanf doesn't require the **&** because it's an array (discussed earlier)

Note even with strings whitespace is a delimiter by default

getchar()

Input function

Also built into the header file `stdio.h`

It reads one character

Example

```
char c;  
c = getchar();
```

fgets()

Input function

Reads up to and including a newline character (enter)

Takes in three arguments

A ***string***

Number of character to copy (***int***)

File type (in our case it's the standard input, ***stdin***)

```
fgets(str, 20, stdin);
```

fgets() Example

Write a program that prints a sentence to the console using fgets()

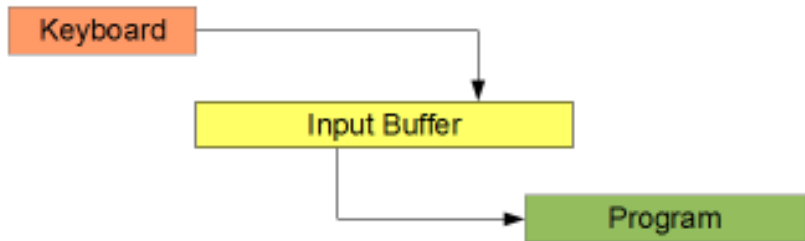
```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100];
    fgets(str, 100, stdin);
    printf( "\nYou entered: %s", str);
    return 0;
}
```

Input buffer

Holds the input data temporarily between the device and program

Once enter (newline) is pressed it signals the program to start executing data from the buffer

The program only retrieves the data that it needs , and leaves rest in buffer



fputs()

Output function

Simple string output

Takes two arguments

A **string**

File type (in our case it's the standard output, ***stdout***)

fputs(str, stdout); is equivalent to *printf("%s", str)*

fputs() Example

Write a program using fputs()

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    char str[100];
    fputs("Input something\n", stdout);
    fgets(str, 100, stdin);
    fputs(str, stdout);
    return 0;
}
```

Characters in C

char is a one-byte data type capable of holding a character

Treated as an arithmetic integer type

(Usually) **unsigned**

May be used in arithmetic expressions

add, subtract, multiply, divide, etc.

Character constants

'a', 'b', 'c', ... 'z', '0', '1', ... '9', '+', '-',
, '=', '!', '~', etc, '\n', '\t', '\0', etc.

A-Z, a-z, 0-9 are *in order*, so that arithmetic can be done

Strings in C

Definition:— A *string* is a character array ending in '`\0`' — i.e.,

```
char s[256];  
char t[] = "This is an initialized  
string!";  
char *u = "This is another string!";
```

String constants are in double quotes
May contain any characters
Including `\`" and `\`'

String constants *may not* span lines
However, they may be concatenated — e.g.,
`"Hello, " "World!\n"` is the same as `"Hello,
World!\n"`

Strings in C (continued)

Let

```
char *u = "This  
is another  
string!";
```

Then

```
u[0] == 'T'  
u[1] == 'h'  
u[2] == 'i'  
...  
u[21] == 'g'  
u[22] == '!'  
u[23] == '\\0'
```

Support for Strings in C

Most string manipulation is done through functions in `<string.h>`

String functions *depend* upon final `'\0'`

So you don't have to count the characters!

Examples:–

`int strlen(char *s)` – returns length of string
Excluding final `'\0'`

`char* strcpy(char *s, char *ct)` – Copies
string `ct` to string `s`, return `s`

`s` must be big enough to hold contents of `ct`

`ct` may be smaller than `s`

Support for Strings in C (continued)

Examples (continued):—

int strcmp(char *s, char *t)

- lexically compares **s** and **t**, returns **<0** if **s < t**, **>0** if **s > t**, zero if **s** and **t** are identical

char* strcat(char *s, char *ct)

- Concatenates string **ct** to onto end of string **s**, returns **s**
- **s** must be big enough to hold contents of both strings!

Other string functions

strchr(), **strrchr()**, **strspn()**, **strcspn()**

strpbrk(), **strstr()**, **strtok()**, ...

String Conversion Functions in C

See <stdlib.h>

```
double atof(const char *s)
```

```
int atoi(const char *s)
```

```
long atol(const char *s)
```

```
double strtod(const char *s, char **endp)
```

```
long strtol(const char *s, char **endp, int  
base)
```

```
unsigned long strtoul(const char *s, char  
**endp, int base)
```

Dilemma

Question:—

If strings are arrays of characters, ...
and if arrays cannot be returned from functions, ...
how can we manipulate variable length strings and
pass them around our programs?

Answer:—

Use storage allocated in *The Heap*!