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# C Programming for Engineers

## Structures, Unions

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# Structure

- Collections of related variables under one name.
- Variables of may be of different data types.

➤ **struct card** {  
    **char** \***face**;  
    **char** \***suit**;  
};

Handwritten annotations in Thai:

- ตัวแปร (variable) - points to **card**
- ชื่อสมาชิก (member name) - points to **face** and **suit**
- ชนิดข้อมูล (data type) - points to **char**

- Keyword **struct** introduces the structure definition.
- Members of the same structure type must have unique names, but two different structure types may contain members of the same name without conflict.

# Structure Declaration

- `struct` employee { *นิยาม struct*  
    `char` firstName[20];  
    `char` lastName[20];  
    `unsigned int` age;  
    `char` gender;  
    `double` hourlySalary;  
};
- `struct` employee employee1, employee2; *ประกาศตัวแปร*
- `struct` employee employees[100];
- `struct` employee {  
    `char` firstName[20];  
    `char` lastName[20];  
    `unsigned int` age;  
    `char` gender;  
    `double` hourlySalary;  
} employee1, employee2, \*employeePtr; *ทั้งนี้ ก็เหมือน type def*

# Structure Tag

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- The structure tag name is optional.
- If a structure definition does not contain a structure tag name, variables of the structure type may be declared *only* in the structure definition – *not* in a separate declaration.

# Self Reference

- *A structure cannot contain an instance of itself.*
- A variable of type `struct employee` cannot be declared in the definition for `struct employee`.
- A pointer to `struct employee`, may be included.
- For example,
  - ```
struct employee2 {  
    char firstName[20];  
    char lastName[20];  
    unsigned int age;  
    char gender;  
    double hourlySalary;  
    struct employee2 person; // ERROR  
    struct employee2 *ePtr; // pointer  
};
```

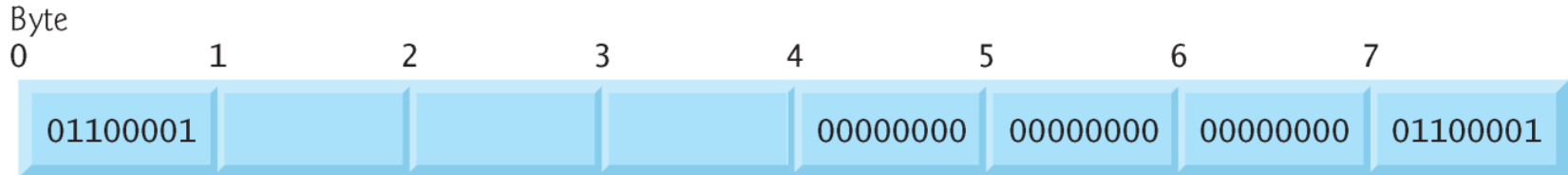
*Handwritten note: A red arrow points from the word "pointer" to the line `struct employee2 *ePtr; // pointer`. Another red arrow points from the word "ERROR" to the line `struct employee2 person; // ERROR`.*
- `struct employee2` contains an instance of itself (`person`), which is an error.

# Storage in Memory

- Structures *may not* be compared using operators == and !=, because ไม่สามารถเปรียบเทียบได้
  - structure members are not necessarily stored in consecutive bytes of memory.
- Computers may store specific data types only on certain memory boundaries such as half-word, word or double-word boundaries.
- A word is a standard memory unit used to store data in a computer—usually 2 bytes or 4 bytes.

# Storage in Memory

➤ **struct** example { *Even 8 byte*  
    **char** c;  
    **int** i;  
} sample1, sample2;



Possible storage, but machine dependant



# Initialization

- `struct card {  
    char *face;  
    char *suit;  
};`
- `struct card aCard = {"Three", "Hearts"};`
- If there are <sup>less</sup> fewer initializers in the list than members in the structure,
  - the remaining members are automatically initialized to 0
  - or NULL if the member is a pointer.
- Assignment Statement of same struct type
  - `struct card aCard1 = aCard2;` <sup>copy it</sup>



# Accessing Structure Members

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- the **structure member operator** (**.**)—also called the **dot operator**
  - `printf("%s", aCard.suit); // displays Hearts`
- the **structure pointer operator** (**->**)—also called the **arrow operator**.
  - `cardPtr = &aCard;`
  - `printf("%s", cardPtr->suit); // displays Hearts`
  - Following are equivalent
    - `cardPtr->suit`
    - `(*cardPtr).suit`

# Example

```
4  #include <stdio.h>
5
6  // card structure definition
7  struct card {
8      char *face; // define pointer face
9      char *suit; // define pointer suit
10 };
11
12 int main(void)
13 {
14     struct card aCard; // define one struct card variable
15
16     // place strings into aCard
17     aCard.face = "Ace";
18     aCard.suit = "Spades";
19
20     struct card *cardPtr = &aCard; // assign address of aCard to cardPtr
21
22     printf("%s%s\n%s%s\n%s%s\n", aCard.face, " of ", aCard.suit,
23           cardPtr->face, " of ", cardPtr->suit,
24           (*cardPtr).face, " of ", (*cardPtr).suit);
25 }
```

Ace of Spades  
Ace of Spades  
Ace of Spades

# Structure with Function

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- Structures may be passed to functions by
  - passing individual structure members
  - by passing an entire structure
  - by passing a pointer to a structure.
- Functions can return
  - individual structure members
  - an entire structure
  - a pointer to a structure

# typedef

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- The keyword **typedef** is a way to create synonyms (or aliases) for previously defined data types.
- Names for structure types are often defined with **typedef** to create shorter type names.
- Example:
  - **typedef struct** card Card;  
Card is a synonym for type **struct card**.
- Example:
  - **typedef struct** {  
    **char** \*face;  
    **char** \*suit;  
} Card;  
▪ Card myCard, \*myCardPtr, deck[52];

# Card Shuffling Example (1)

```
1  // Fig. 10.3: fig10_03.c
2  // Card shuffling and dealing program using structures
3  #include <stdio.h>
4  #include <stdlib.h>
5  #include <time.h>
6
7  #define CARDS 52
8  #define FACES 13
9
10 // card structure definition
11 struct card {
12     const char *face; // define pointer face
13     const char *suit; // define pointer suit
14 };
15
16 typedef struct card Card; // new type name for struct card
17
18 // prototypes
19 void fillDeck(Card * const wDeck, const char * wFace[],
20             const char * wSuit[]);
21 void shuffle(Card * const wDeck);
22 void deal(const Card * const wDeck);
23
```



# Card Shuffling Example (2)

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```
24 int main(void)
25 {
26     Card deck[CARDS]; // define array of Cards
27
28     // initialize array of pointers
29     const char *face[] = { "Ace", "Deuce", "Three", "Four", "Five",
30         "Six", "Seven", "Eight", "Nine", "Ten",
31         "Jack", "Queen", "King"};
32
33     // initialize array of pointers
34     const char *suit[] = { "Hearts", "Diamonds", "Clubs", "Spades"};
35
36     srand(time(NULL)); // randomize
37
38     fillDeck(deck, face, suit); // load the deck with Cards
39     shuffle(deck); // put Cards in random order
40     deal(deck); // deal all 52 Cards
41 }
42
```



# Card Shuffling Example (3)

```
43 // place strings into Card structures
44 void fillDeck(Card * const wDeck, const char * wFace[],
45             const char * wSuit[])
46 {
47     // loop through wDeck
48     for (size_t i = 0; i < CARDS; ++i) {
49         wDeck[i].face = wFace[i % FACES];
50         wDeck[i].suit = wSuit[i / FACES];
51     }
52 }
53
54 // shuffle cards
55 void shuffle(Card * const wDeck)
56 {
57     // loop through wDeck randomly swapping Cards
58     for (size_t i = 0; i < CARDS; ++i) {
59         size_t j = rand() % CARDS;
60         Card temp = wDeck[i];
61         wDeck[i] = wDeck[j];
62         wDeck[j] = temp;
63     }
64 }
65
```



# Card Shuffling Example (4)

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```
66 // deal cards
67 void deal(const Card * const wDeck)
68 {
69     // loop through wDeck
70     for (size_t i = 0; i < CARDS; ++i) {
71         printf("%5s of %-8s%s", wDeck[i].face, wDeck[i].suit,
72             (i + 1) % 4 ? " " : "\n");
73     }
74 }
```

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# Card Shuffling Example (5)

|                   |                   |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Three of Hearts   | Jack of Clubs     | Three of Spades   | Six of Diamonds   |
| Five of Hearts    | Eight of Spades   | Three of Clubs    | Deuce of Spades   |
| Jack of Spades    | Four of Hearts    | Deuce of Hearts   | Six of Clubs      |
| Queen of Clubs    | Three of Diamonds | Eight of Diamonds | King of Clubs     |
| King of Hearts    | Eight of Hearts   | Queen of Hearts   | Seven of Clubs    |
| Seven of Diamonds | Nine of Spades    | Five of Clubs     | Eight of Clubs    |
| Six of Hearts     | Deuce of Diamonds | Five of Spades    | Four of Clubs     |
| Deuce of Clubs    | Nine of Hearts    | Seven of Hearts   | Four of Spades    |
| Ten of Spades     | King of Diamonds  | Ten of Hearts     | Jack of Diamonds  |
| Four of Diamonds  | Six of Spades     | Five of Diamonds  | Ace of Diamonds   |
| Ace of Clubs      | Jack of Hearts    | Ten of Clubs      | Queen of Diamonds |
| Ace of Hearts     | Ten of Diamonds   | Nine of Clubs     | King of Spades    |
| Ace of Spades     | Nine of Diamonds  | Seven of Spades   | Queen of Spades   |

# Structure Example (preview)

- This declaration introduces the type struct fraction (both words are required) as a new type.
- C uses the period (.) to access the fields in a record.
- You can copy two records of the same type using a single assignment statement, however == does not work on structs (see note link).

```
struct fraction {  
    int numerator;  
    int denominator;    // can't initialize  
};  
  
struct fraction f1, f2;    // declare two fractions  
f1.numerator = 25;  
f1.denominator = 10;  
f2 = f1;    // this copies over the whole struct
```

# Structure Declarations

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**struct tag {member\_list} variable\_list;**

```
struct S {  
    int a;  
    float b;  
} x;
```

Declares x to be a structure having two members, a and b. In addition, the structure tag S is created for use in future declarations.

```
struct {  
    int a;  
    float b;  
} z;
```

Omitting the tag field; cannot create any more variables with the same type as z

```
struct S {  
    int a;  
    float b;  
};
```

Omitting the variable list defines the tag S for use in later declarations

```
struct S y;
```

Omitting the member list declares another structure variable y with the same type as x

လျှောက်လွှာ struct  
အမျိုးအမည် ဖိုင် ဝင်

```
struct S;
```

Incomplete declaration which informs the compiler that S is a structure tag to be defined later

# Structure Declarations (cont)

- So tag, member\_list and variable\_list are all optional, but cannot all be omitted; at least two must appear for a complete declaration.

```
struct {  
    int a;  
    char b;  
    float c;  
} x;
```

Single variable x contains 3 members

```
struct {  
    int a;  
    char b;  
    float c;  
} y[20], *z;
```

**Structs on the left are treated different  
by the compiler  
DIFFERENT TYPES  
i.e. z = &x is ILLEGAL**

An array of 20 structures (y); and  
A pointer to a structure of this type (z)

# More Structure Declarations

- The TAG field
  - Allows a name to be given to the member list so that it can be referenced in subsequent declarations
  - Allows many declarations to use the same member list and thus create structures of the same type

```
struct SIMPLE {  
    int a;  
    char b;  
    float c;  
};
```

**Associates tag with  
member list; does not  
create any variables**

**So → struct SIMPLE x;  
          struct SIMPLE y[20], \*z;**

**Now x, y, and z are all the same  
kind of structure**

# Incomplete Declarations

- Structures that are mutually dependent
- As with self referential structures, at least one of the structures must refer to the other only through pointers
- So, which one gets declared first???

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```
struct B;  
  
struct A {  
    struct B *partner;  
    /* etc */  
};
```

```
struct B {  
    struct A *partner;  
    /* etc */  
};
```

incomplete ต้องเป็น pointer

- Declares an identifier to be a structure tag
- Use this tag in declarations where the size of the structure is not needed (**pointer!**)
- Needed in the member list of A

- Doesn't have to be a pointer

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# Initializing Structures

- Missing values cause the remaining members to get default initialization... whatever that might be!

```
typedef struct {  
    int    a;  
    char   b;  
    float  c;  
} Simple;
```

```
struct INIT_EX {  
    int    a;  
    short  b[10];  
    Simple c;  
} x = { 10, { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 }, { 25, 'x', 1.9 }  
};
```

What goes here (hint in blue below)?

```
struct INIT_EX y = { 0, {10, 20, 30, 40, 50,  
                        60, 70, 80, 90, 100 },  
                    { 1000, 'a', 3.14 }  
};
```

**Name all the variables and their initial values:**

y.a = 0

y.b[0] = 10; y.b[1] = 20; y.b[2] = 30; etc

y.c.a = 1000;

y.c.b = 'a';

y.c.c = 3.14;

struct you struct

# Structures as Function arguments








- Legal to pass a structure to a function similar to any other variable but often inefficient

```
/* electronic cash register individual  
transaction receipt */  
#define PRODUCT_SIZE 20;  
typedef struct {  
    char    product[PRODUCT_SIZE];  
    int     qty;  
    float   unit_price;  
    float   total_amount;  
} Transaction;
```

## Function call:

 `print_receipt(current_trans);`  
 Copy by value copies 32 bytes to the stack which can then be discarded later

## Instead...

 `(Transaction *trans)`  
 `trans->product` // fyi: `(*trans).product`  
 `trans->qty`  
 `trans->unit_price`  
 `trans->total_amount`  
 `print_receipt(&current_trans);`  
 `void print_receipt(Transaction *trans)`

```
void print_receipt (Transaction trans) {  
    printf("%s\n", trans.product);  
    printf("%d @ %.2f total %.2f\n", trans.qty, trans.unit_price, trans.total_amount);  
}
```



# Struct storage issues

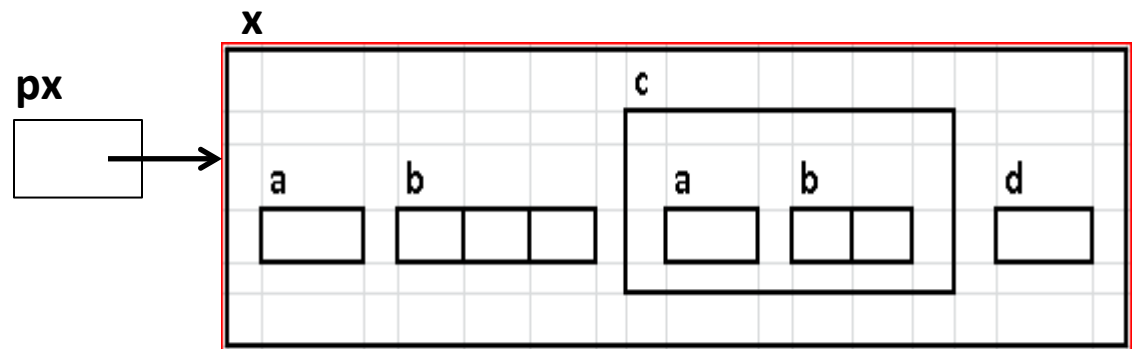
- A struct declaration consists of a list of fields, each of which can have any type. The total storage required for a struct object is the sum of the storage requirements of all the fields, plus any internal padding.

# Structure memory (again)

- What does memory look like?

```
typedef struct {  
    int    a;  
    short  b[2];  
} Ex2;
```

```
typedef struct EX {  
    int    a;  
    char   b[3];  
    Ex2    c;  
    struct EX *d;  
} Ex;
```



Given the following declaration, fill in the above memory locations:

Ex `x = { 10, "Hi", { 5, { -1, 25 } }, 0 };`

Ex `*px = &x;`

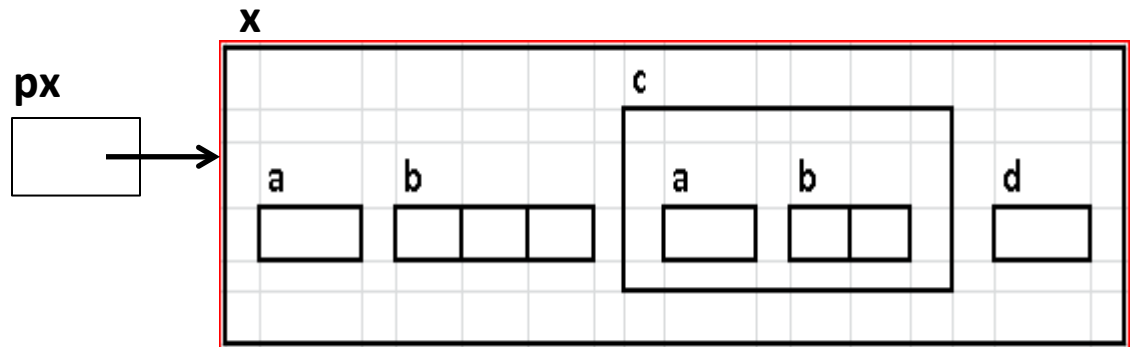
pre-condition = กำหนดค่าเริ่มต้น  
post-condition = ในคอมไพเลอร์จะเปลี่ยนเป็นอะไร

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    Ex2    c;  
    struct EX *d;  
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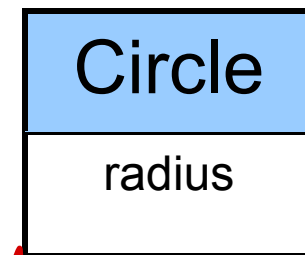
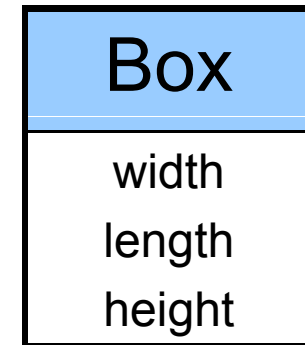
Ex \*px = &x;

# structs

Aggregating associated data  
into a single variable

```
int main()
{
    Box mybox;
    Circle c;

    mybox.width = 10;
    mybox.length = 30;
    mybox.height = 10;
    c.radius = 10;
}
```



user-define type

abstraction = การกำหนดตัวแปรค่าด้วย  
รู้ชื่ออะไร แต่ไม่ทราบบรรทัด

## The idea

I want to describe a box. I need variables for the width, length, and height.

I can use **three variables**, but wouldn't it be better if I had a single variable to describe a box?

That variable can have three parts, the width, length, and height.

| Box    |
|--------|
| width  |
| length |
| height |

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## Another Example

```
struct bankRecordStruct
```

```
{  
    char name[50];  
    float balance;  
};
```

You can use mixed data types within the struct (int, float, char [])

```
struct bankRecordStruct billsAcc;
```

## Accessing values

```
struct bankRecordStruct
```

```
{  
    char name[50];  
    float balance;  
};
```

Access values in a  
struct using a period:  
“.”

```
struct bankRecordStruct billsAcc;
```

```
printf(“My balance is: %f\n”, billsAcc.balance);
```

```
float bal = billsAcc.balance;
```

## Assign Values using Scanf()

```
struct BankRecord
{
    char name[50];
    float balance;
};

int main()
{
    struct BankRecord newAcc; /* create new bank record */

    printf("Enter account name: ");
    scanf("%50s", newAcc.name);
    printf("Enter account balance: ");
    scanf("%d", &newAcc.balance);
}
```



## Copy via =

You can set two struct type variables equal to each other and each element will be copied

```
struct Box { int width, length, height; };

int main()
{
    struct Box b, c;
    b.width = 5; b.length=1; b.height = 2;
    c = b;      // copies all elements of b to c
    printf("%d %d %d\n", c.width, c.length, c.height);
}
```

## Passing Struct to a function

- You can pass a struct to a function. All the elements are copied
- If an element is a pointer, the pointer is copied **but** **not** what it points to!

```
int myFunction(struct Person p)
{
...
}
```

## Using Structs in Functions

Write a program that

- Prompts the user to enter the dimensions of a 3D box and a circle
- Prints the volume of the box and area of the circle

Sample run:

```
Enter the box dimensions (width,length,height): 1 2 3
Enter the radius of the circle: 0.8
```

```
Box volume = 6
Circle area = 2.01
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
```

```
struct Box { int width, height , length; };
```

```
int GetVolume(struct Box b) {
    return b.width * b.height * b.length;
}
```

นี่เป็น struct ป้อนค่าการเปลี่ยนแปลง ของตัวแปร

```
int main()
{
```

```
    struct Box b;
```

\* ถ้าเป็น pointer จะสามารถเปลี่ยนแปลงได้

```
    printf("Enter the box dimensions (width length height): ");
    scanf("%d %d %d", &b.width, &b.length, &b.height);
```

```
    printf("Box volume = %d\n", GetVolume(b));
```

```
}
```

## Note: == Comparison doesn't work

```
struct Box { int width, length, height; };
```

```
int main()  
{
```

```
    struct Box b, c;
```

```
    b.width = 5; b.length=1; b.height = 2;
```

```
    c = b;
```

```
    if (c == b) /* Error when you compile! */
```

```
        printf("c and b are identical\n");
```

```
    else
```

```
        printf("c and b are different\n");
```

```
    } t
```

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Error message: invalid operands to binary == (have 'Box' and 'Box')

# Create your own equality test

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h>
```

```
struct Box { int width, height , length; };
```

```
int IsEqual(struct Box b, struct Box c)
{
    if (b.width==c.width &&
        b.length==c.length &&
        b.height==c.height)
        return 1;
    else
        return 0;
}
```

```
struct Box b, c;
b.width = 5; b.length=1; b.height = 2;
c = b;

if (IsEqual(b,c))
    printf("c and b are identical\n");
else
    printf("c and b are different\n");
```

## Arrays of structs

You can declare an array of a structure and manipulate each one

```
typedef struct
{
    double radius;
    int x;
    int y;
    char name[10];
} Circle;
```

```
Circle circles[5];
```

## Size of a Struct: sizeof

```
typedef struct
```

```
{
```

```
    double radius;        /* 8 bytes */
```

```
    int x;                 /* 4 bytes */
```

```
    int y;                 /* 4 bytes */
```

```
    char name[10];        /* 10 bytes */
```

```
} Circle;
```

→ total 26

```
printf("Size of Circle struct is %d\n",  
      sizeof(Circle));
```



## Size of a Struct

$$8 + 4 + 4 + 10 = 26$$

- But `sizeof()` reports 28 bytes!!!

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Most machines require alignment on 4-byte boundary (a word)

- last word is not filled by the char (2 bytes used, 2 left over)

| D D D D               | D D D D | I I I I                | I I I I                | C C C C | C C C C                                             | C C X X |
|-----------------------|---------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 8 byte, 2 word double |         | 4 byte, 1 word integer | 4 byte, 1 word integer |         | 10 byte char array, 2 bytes of the last word unused |         |

# Arrays of Structures

- ◆ The converse of a structure with arrays:
- ◆ Example:

```
struct entry {  
    char fname [10] ;  
    char lname [12] ;  
    char phone [8] ;  
};  
struct entry list [1000];
```

*array of struct*  
*or struct 1000*

- ◆ This creates a list of 1000 identical entry(s).
- ◆ Assignments:

```
list [1] = list [6];  
strcpy (list[1].phone, list[6].phone);  
list[6].phone[1] = list[3].phone[4] ;
```

# An Example

```
#include <stdio.h>

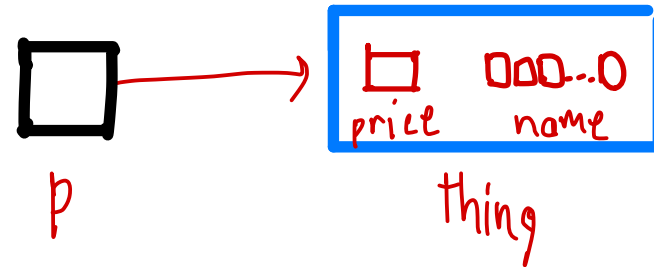
struct entry {
    char fname [20];
    char lname [20];
    char phone [10];
};
```

```
int main() {
    struct entry list[4]; → ပြေးလေ့ပြေလို့
    int i;
    for (i=0; i < 4; i++) {
        printf ("\nEnter first name: ");
        scanf ("%s", list[i].fname);
        printf ("Enter last name: ");
        scanf ("%s", list[i].lname);
        printf ("Enter phone in 123-4567 format: ");
        scanf ("%s", list[i].phone);
    }
    printf ("\n\n");
    for (i=0; i < 4; i++) {
        printf ("Name: %s %s", list[i].fname, list[i].lname);
        printf ("\t\tPhone: %s\n", list[i].phone);
    }
}
```

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# Pointers to Structures

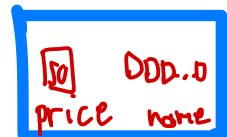
```
struct part {  
    float price ;  
    char name [10] ;  
};
```



```
struct part *p , thing; ปรีนด  
p = &thing; p ไม่ใช่ว่า ไม่ thing
```

*/\* The following three statements are equivalent \*/*

```
thing.price = 50; price = 50
```

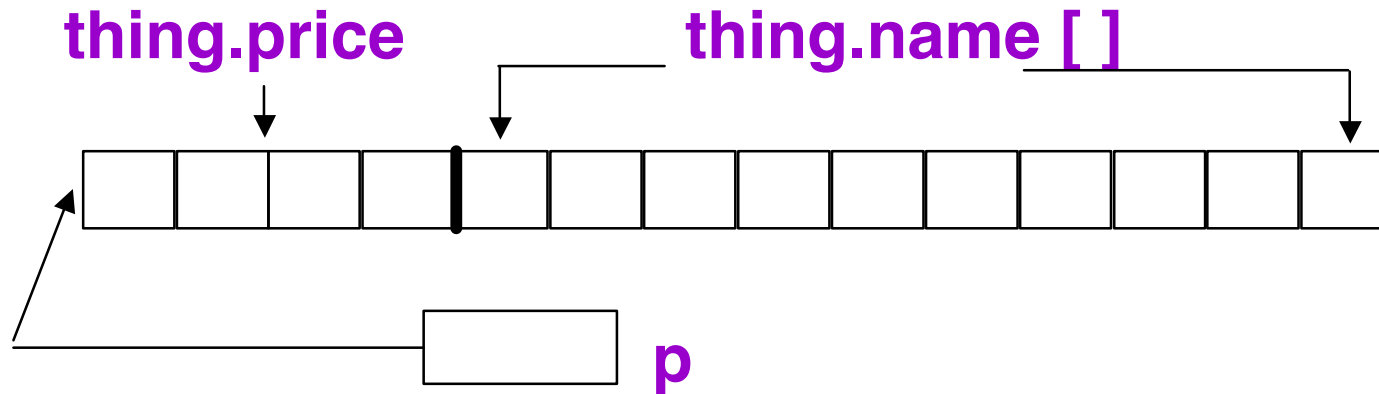


```
(*p).price = 50; /* () around *p is needed */
```

```
p -> price = 50;
```

*คือ thing.price จะเปลี่ยนค่า*

# Pointers to Structures



- ◆ `p` is set to point to the first byte of the `struct` variable

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```
struct part * p, *q;
p = (struct part *) malloc( sizeof(struct part) );
q = (struct part *) malloc( sizeof(struct part) );
p -> price = 199.99 ;
strcpy( p -> name, "hard disk" );
(*q) = (*p);
q = p;
free(p);
free(q); /* This statement causes a problem !!!
          Why? */
```

*Handwritten notes:*

- Diagram showing two boxes, one labeled 'p' and one labeled 'q', with an arrow pointing from 'p' to 'q'.
- Red text: "ของฟรี" (Free stuff) with an arrow pointing to the 'malloc' function.
- Red text: "ใส่ 199.99 ลงไป price" (Put 199.99 into price) with an arrow pointing to the 'price' field.

# Pointers to Structures

- ◆ You can allocate a structure array as well:

```
{
    struct part *ptr;
    ptr = (struct part *) malloc(10 * sizeof(struct part) );
    for( i=0; i< 10; i++)
    {
        ptr[ i ].price = 10.0 * i;
        sprintf( ptr[ i ].name, "part %d", i );
    }
    .....
    free(ptr);
}
```

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# Pointers to Structures

- ◆ You can use pointer arithmetic to access the elements of the array:

```
{
    struct part *ptr, *p;
    ptr = (struct part *) malloc(10 * sizeof(struct part) );
    for( i=0, p=ptr; i< 10; i++, p++) use pointer library
    {
        p -> price = 10.0 * i;
        sprintf( p -> name, "part %d", i );
    }
    .....
    free(ptr);
}
```



# Pointer as Structure Member

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

```
struct node a,b,c;
```

```
a.next = &b;
```

```
b.next = &c;
```

```
c.next = NULL;
```

```
a.data = 1;
```

```
a.next->data = 2;
```

```
/* b.data =2 */
```

```
a.next->next->data = 3;
```

```
/* c.data = 3 */
```

```
c.next = (struct node *)  
    malloc(sizeof(struct  
    node));
```

.....



# Assignment Operator vs. memcpy

- ◆ This assign a struct to another

```
{  
    struct part a,b;  
    b.price = 39.99;  
    b.name = "floppy";  
    a = b;  
}
```

- ◆ Equivalently, you can use memcpy

```
#include <string.h>  
  
.....  
{  
    struct part a,b;  
    b.price = 39.99;  
    b.name = "floppy";  
    memcpy(&a,&b,sizeof(part));  
}
```

→ copy val b ใน a ต้องบอกขนาดด้วย

# Array Member vs. Pointer Member

```
struct book {  
    float price;  
    char name[50];  
};
```

Size off: 56

```
int main()
{
    struct book a,b;
    b.price = 19.99;
    strcpy(b.name, "C handbook");
    a = b;
    strcpy(b.name, "Unix
handbook");
    puts(a.name);
    puts(b.name);
}
```

# Array Member vs. Pointer Member

```
struct book {  
    float price;  
    char *name;  
};
```

✓  
2) 1600 677 75

```
int main()
{
    struct book a,b;
    b.price = 19.99;
    b.name = (char *) malloc(50);
    strcpy(b.name, "C handbook");
    a = b;
    strcpy(b.name, "Unix handbook");
    puts(a.name);
    puts(b.name);
    free(b.name);
}
```

A function called `strdup()` will do the `malloc()` and `strcpy()` in one step for you!

# Passing Structures to Functions (1)

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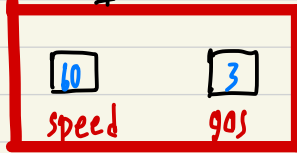
- ◆ Structures are passed by value to functions
  - The parameter variable is a local variable, which will be assigned by the value of the argument passed.
  - Unlike Java.
- ◆ This means that the structure is copied if it is passed as a parameter.
  - This can be inefficient if the structure is big.
    - ❖ In this case it may be more efficient to pass a pointer to the **struct**.
- ◆ A **struct** can also be returned from a function.

# Passing Structures to Functions (2)

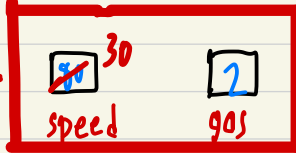
```
struct book {  
    float price;  
    char abstract[5000];  
};  
  
void print_abstract( struct  
    book *p_book)  
{  
    puts( p_book->abstract );  
};
```

```
struct pairInt {  
    int min, max;  
};  
  
struct pairInt min_max(int x,int y)  
{  
    struct pairInt pair;  
    pair.min = (x > y) ? y : x;  
    pair.max = (x > y) ? x : y;  
    return pairInt;  
}  
  
int main(){  
    struct pairInt result;  
    result = min_max( 3, 5 );  
    printf("%d<=%d", result.min,  
        result.max);  
}
```

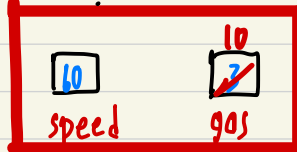
Car 1



Car 2



Car 3



Car 4



speed = 60

gas = 3

speed = 30

gas = 2

speed = 60

gas = 10

speed = 30

gas = 2