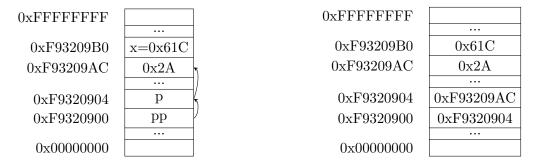
CS61C Spring 2017 Discussion 1 – C

1 C Introduction

C is syntactically very similar to Java, but there are a few key differences of which to be wary:

- C is function oriented, not object oriented, so there are no objects.
- C does not automatically handle memory for you.
 - In the case of stack memory (things allocated in the "usual" way), a datum is garbage immediately
 after the function in which it was defined returns.
 - In the case of heap memory (things allocated with malloc and friends), data is freed only when the programmer explicitly frees it.
 - In any case, allocated memory always holds garbage until it is initialized.
- C uses pointers explicitly. *p tells us to use the value that p points to, rather than the value of p, and &x gives the address of x rather than the value of x. See the following example (the following addresses were chosen aribitrarily). On the left we see a diagram of pointers and memory that may help you visualize pointers. On the right, we see how those "boxes and arrows" are really represented.



Let's assume that int* p is located at 0xF9320904 and int x is located at 0xF93209B0. As we can observe:

- *p should return 0x2A (42₁₀).
- p should return 0xF93209AC.
- x should return 0x61C.
- &x should return 0xF93209B0.

Let's say we have an int **pp that is located at 0xF9320900. What would pp return? How about *pp? What about **pp?

There are other differences in C of which you should be aware of, but this should be enough for you to get your feet wet.

2 Uncommented Code? Yuck!

The following functions work correctly (note: this does not mean intelligently), but have no comments. Document the code to prevent it from causing further confusion.

```
1. /* Returns the sum of the first N elements in ARR. */
int foo(int *arr, size_t n) {
    return n ? arr[0] + foo(arr + 1, n - 1) : 0;
}
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2. /* Returns -1 times the number of zeroes in the first N elements of ARR. */
int bar(int *arr, size_t n) {
    int sum = 0, i;

    for (i = n; i > 0; i--) {
        sum += !arr[i - 1];
    }

    return ~sum + 1;
}

3. /* Does nothing. */
void baz(int x, int y) {
    x = x ^ y;
    y = x ^ y;
    x = x ^ y;
}
```

3 Programming with Pointers

Implement the following functions so that they perform as described in the comments.

```
1. \ /* Swaps the value of two ints outside of this function. */
  void swap(int *x, int *y) {
      int temp = *x;
      *x = *y;
      *y = temp;
  }
2. /* Increments the value of an int outside of this function by one. */
  void plus_plus(int *x) {
      (*x)++; // or: x[0]++;
3. /* Returns the number of bytes in a string. Does not use strlen. */
  int mystrlen(char* str) {
      int count = 0;
      while(*str++) {
          count++;
      return count;
  }
```

4 Problem?

The following code segments may contain logic and syntax errors. Find and correct them.

```
1. \ /* Returns the sum of all the elements in SUMMANDS. */
  int sum(int* summands) { // int sum(int* summands, unsigned int n) {
      int sum = 0;
      for (int i = 0; i < sizeof(summands); i++) // for (int <math>i = 0; i < n; i++)
          sum += *(summands + i);
      return sum;
  }
2. /* Increments all the letters in the string STRING, held in an array of length N.
   * Does not modify any other memory which has been previously allocated. */
  void increment(char* string, int n) {
      for (int i = 0; i < n; i++) // for (i = 0; string[i] != 0; i++)
          *(string + i)++; // string[i]++; or (*(string + i))++;
      // consider the corner case of incrementing OxFF
  }
3. /* Copies the string SRC to DST. */
  void copy(char* src, char* dst) {
      while (*dst++ = *src++);
  // This code has no errors.
4. /* Overwrites an inputted string with ''61C is awesome!'' if there's room.
   * Does nothing if there is not. Assume that srcLength correctly represents
   * the length of src. */
  void CS61C(char* src, size_t srcLength) {
      char *srcptr, replaceptr; // char *srcptr, *replaceptr;
      char replacement[16] = ''61C is awesome!';
      srcptr = src;
      replaceptr = replacement;
      if (srcLength >= 16) {
          for (int i = 0; i < 16; i++)
              *srcptr++ = *replaceptr++;
      }
  // ''char *srcptr, replaceptr'' initializes a char pointer and a char. Not two char pointers.
  // "char *srcptr, replaceptr" is not the same as "char *srcptr, *replaceptr".
```