



Memory Layout of a program

Storage classes in C language

auto

register

static

extern



Memory Layout of a program



printf("%u", 7a)

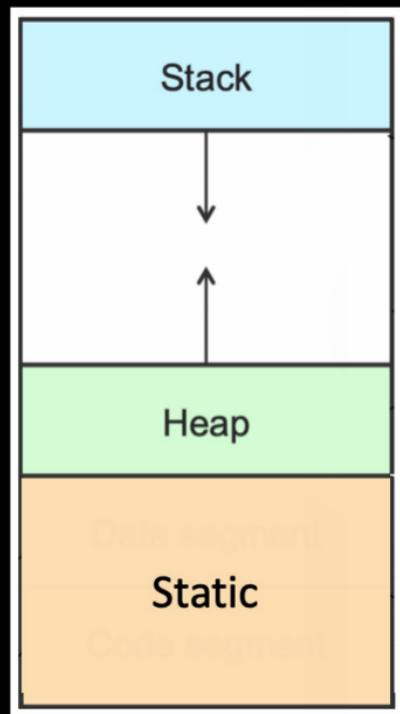
logical address

Compiler assume
that whole memory
is available to just
one program.



← Virtual
memory
contiguous

Memory Layout of a program



virtual
memory





Stack

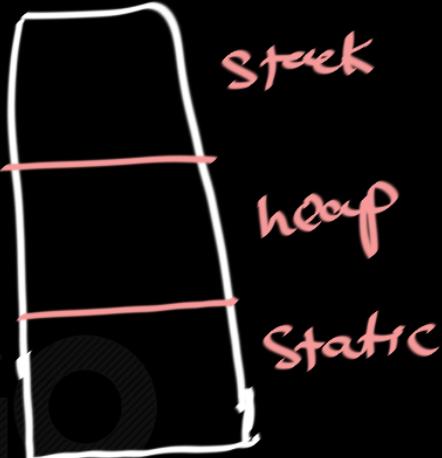
heap

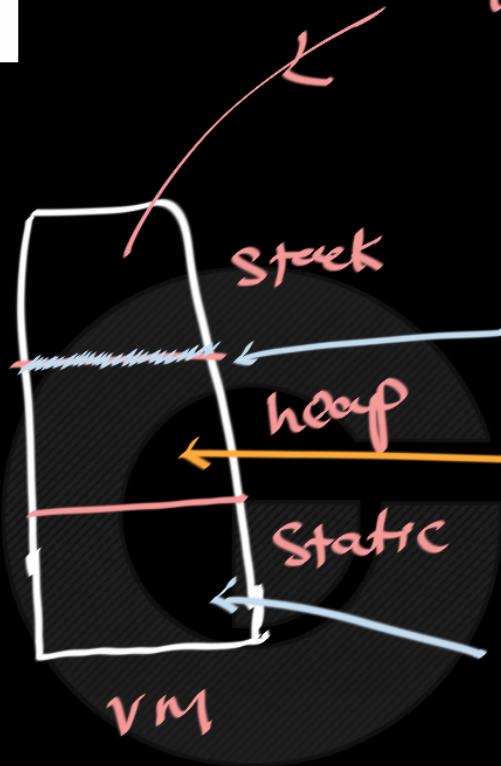
static



to

VM
Store Code (instructions)



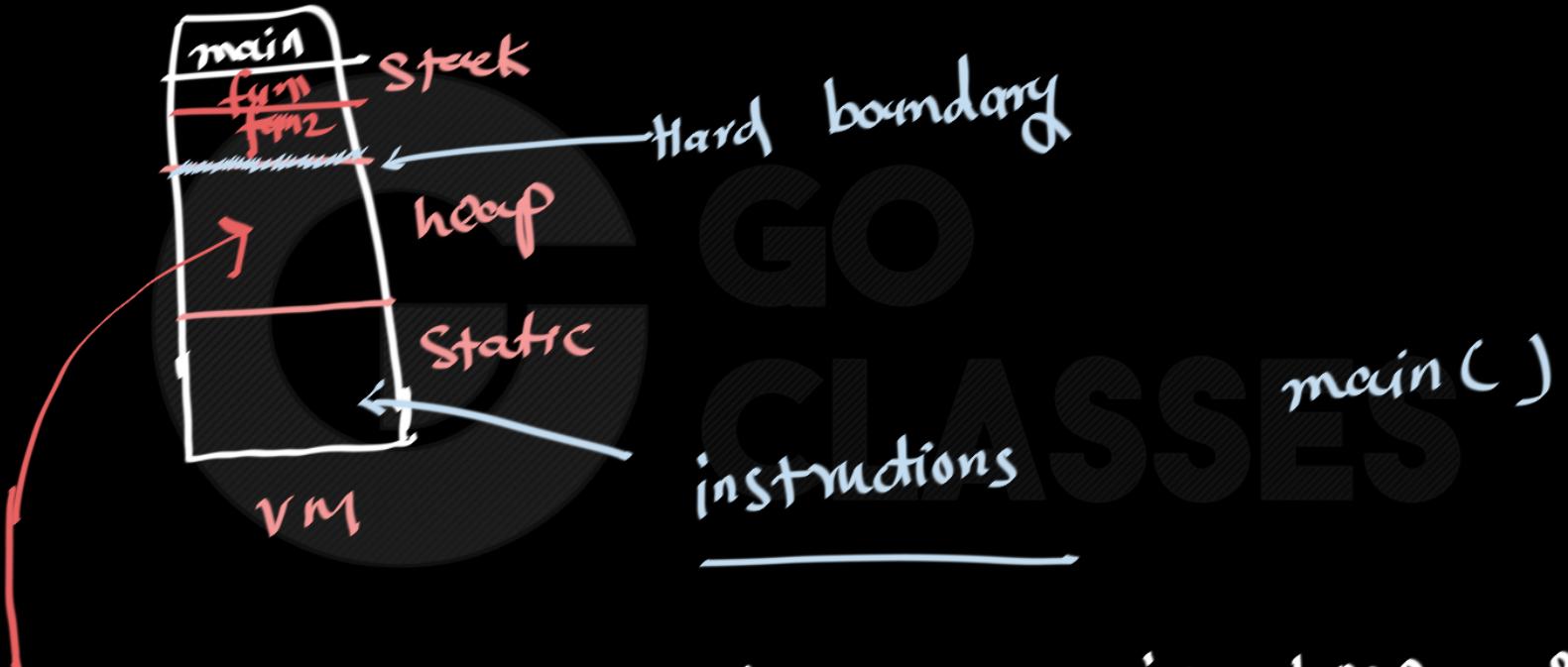


we grow stack
with function
calls

Hard boundary

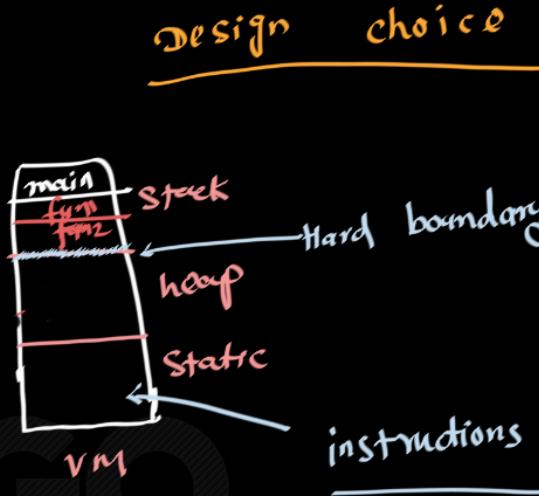
instructions

we grow heap with
malloc f'n
(we will see
later)

Design choice

there is a lot of space in heap, still
you can not call any more function

```
main( )  
{  
    fun1( );  
    fun2( );  
    fun3( );  
}
```

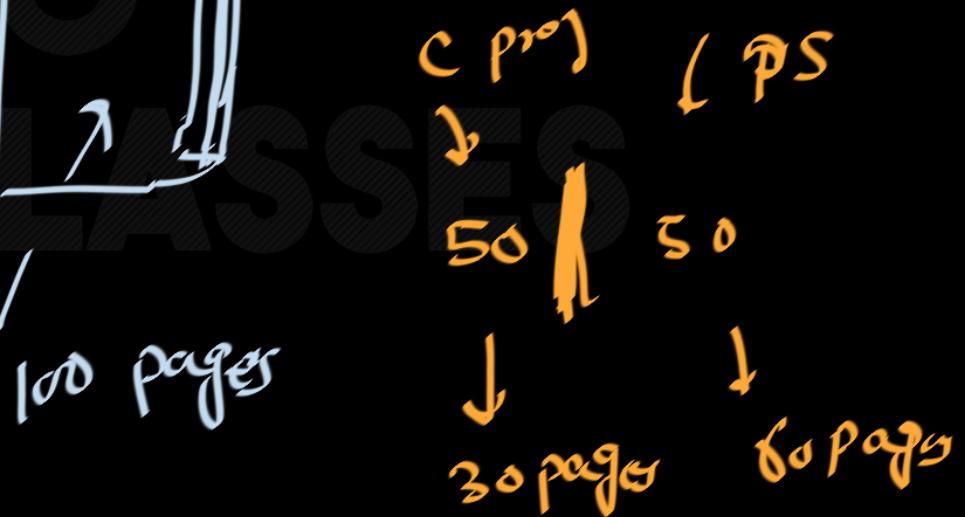
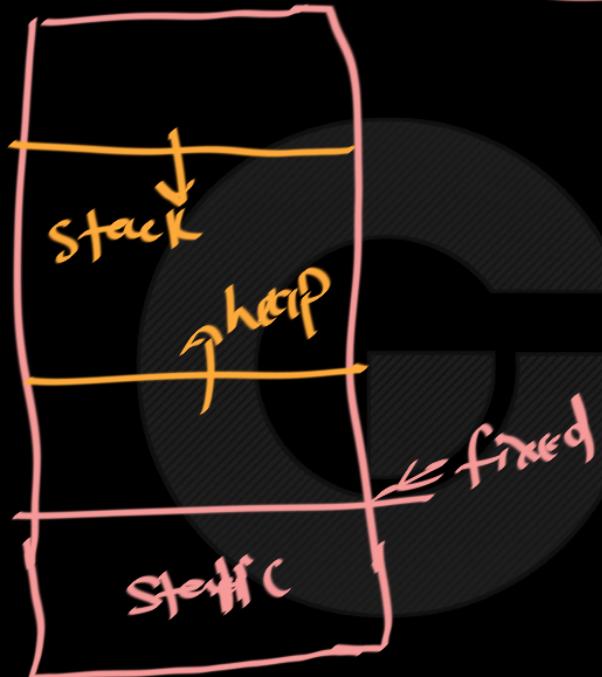


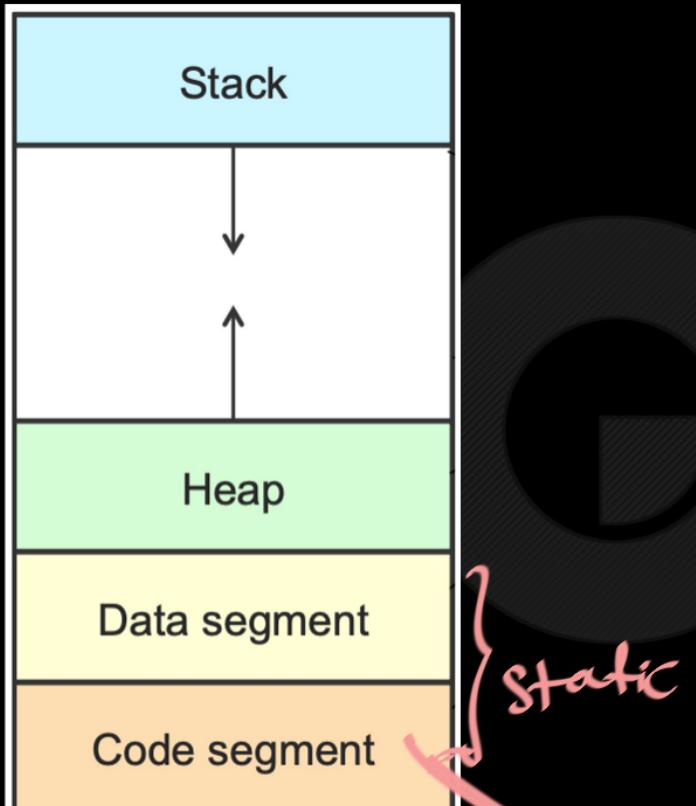
stack is full and
heap is empty

still you can not call
fun3();

fix boundary
design choice
is not a
good idea

design choice ?

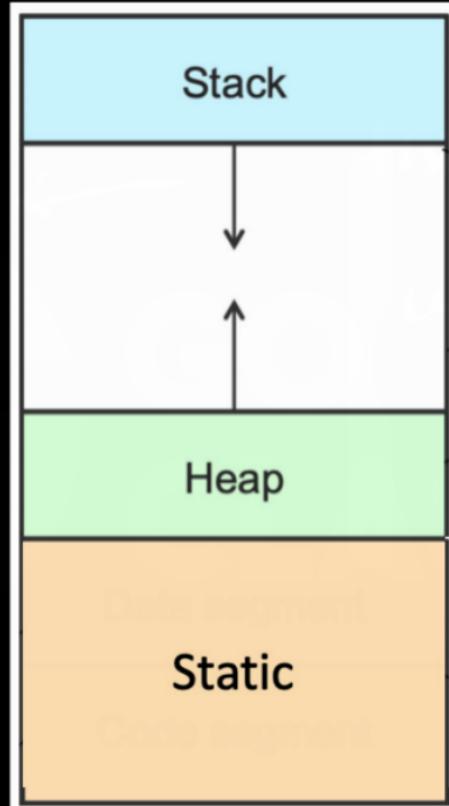
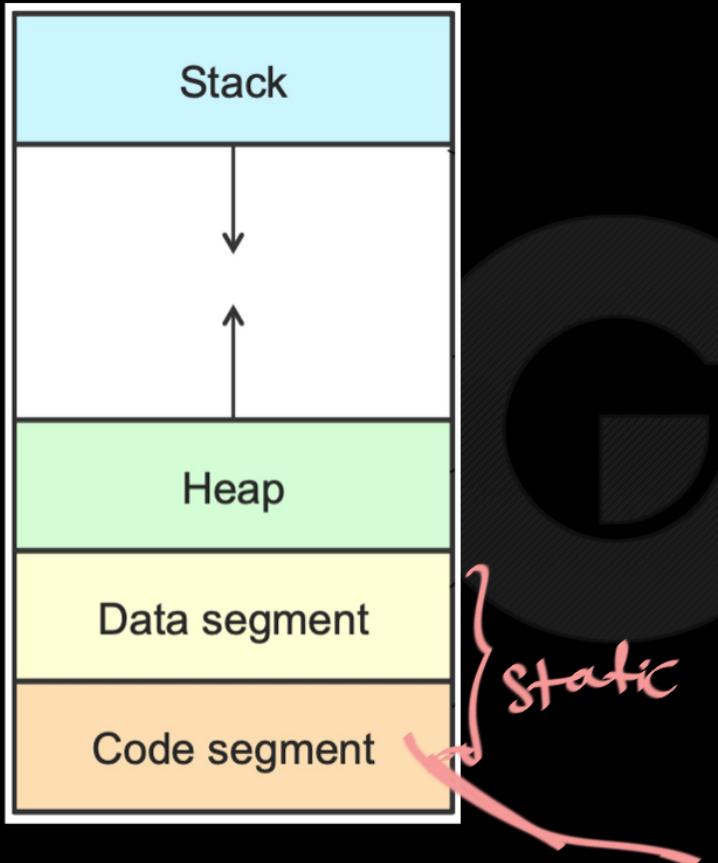




this is
where program
(Hello.out) will
fit in.



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- **The Stack** - This is where local variables and Function Activation records are stored. Size changes at runtime.
- **The Heap** - This is where dynamically allocated data is stored. Size changes at runtime.


malloc()
- **The Static area** - This is where statically declared data (static and global variables) and code is stored. Size fixed at runtime

from now on, just know

→ there is some stack

→ there is some heap.

→ there is some static area.

enough for C prog. course



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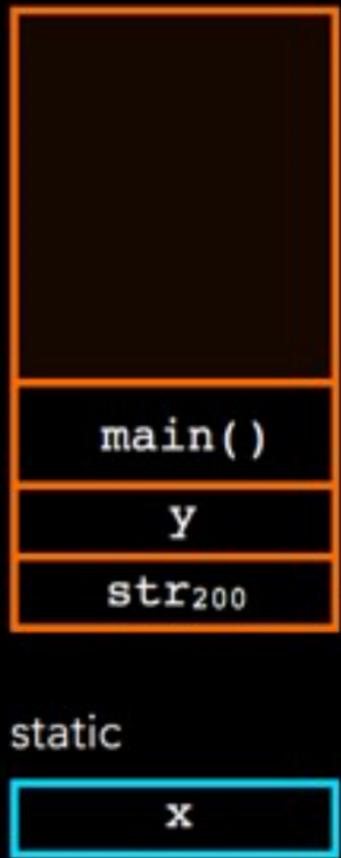
```
#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int x;
int main(void)
{
    int y;
    char *str

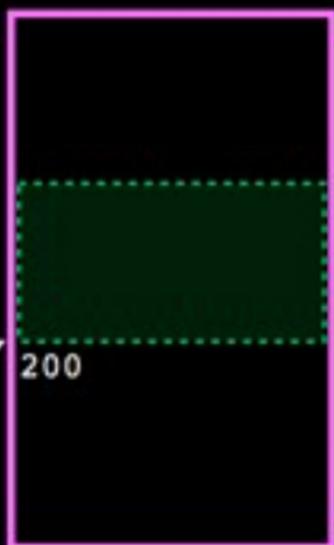
    y = 4;
    printf("stack memory: %d\n", y);

    str = malloc(100*sizeof(char));
    str[0] = 'm';
    printf("heap memory: %c", str[0]);
    free(str);
    return 0;
}
```

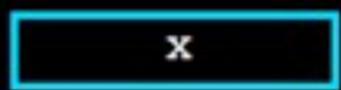
stack



heap



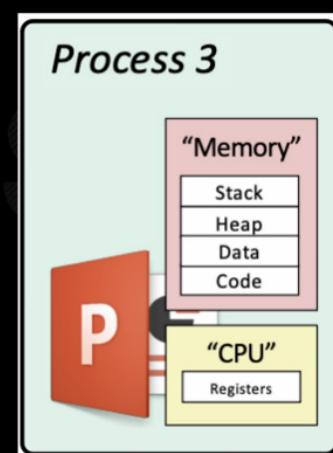
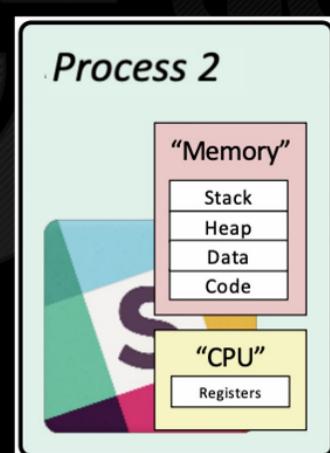
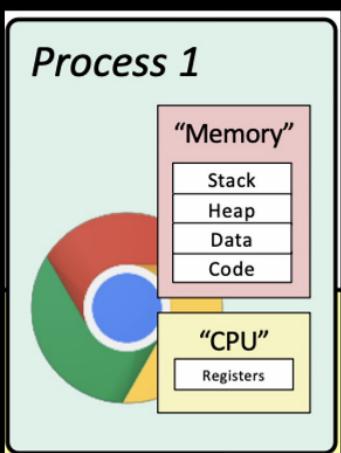
static





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It's an illusion!





Virtual memory is one of the great ideas in computer systems. A major reason for its success is that it works silently and automatically, without any intervention from the application programmer.

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Computer Systems: A Programmer's Perspective.



```
int a = 5;
```

Storage classes in C language

auto
register
static
extern



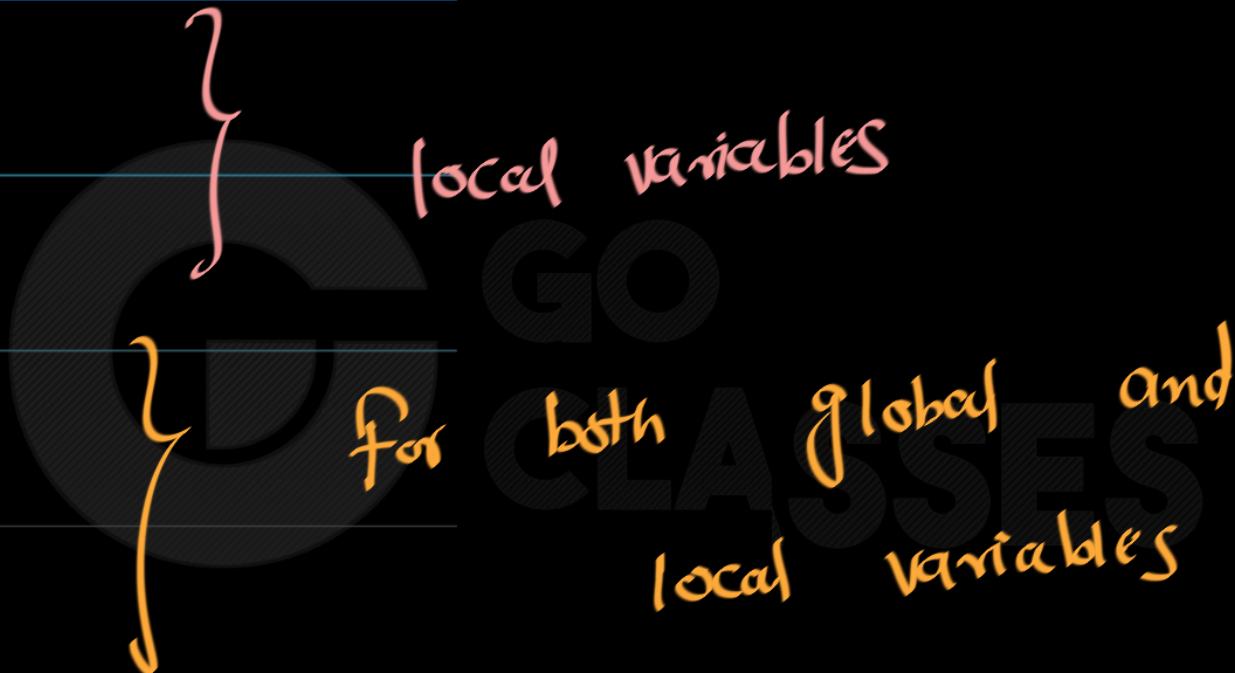
C Programming

auto

register

static

extern





auto Storage Class

- Storage – Stack
- Initial Value – Garbage
- Scope – within block
- Life Time – end of block
- Only used for local variables



auto int a;

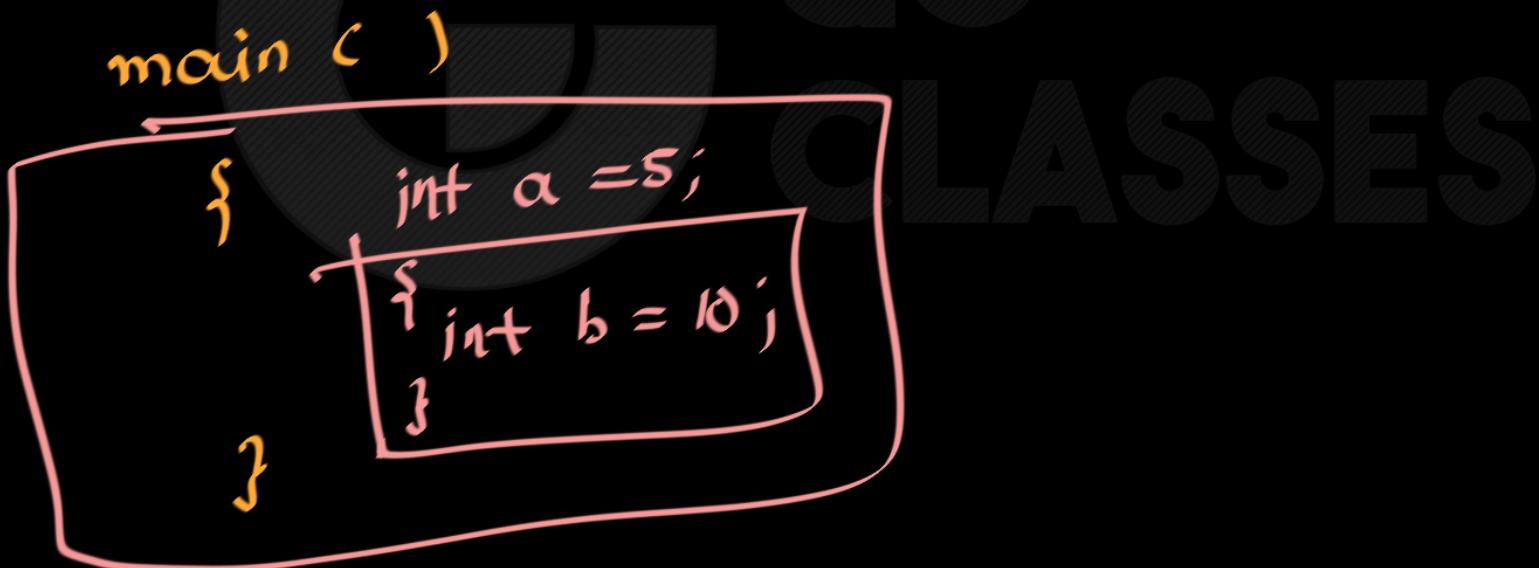
{ auto int a;

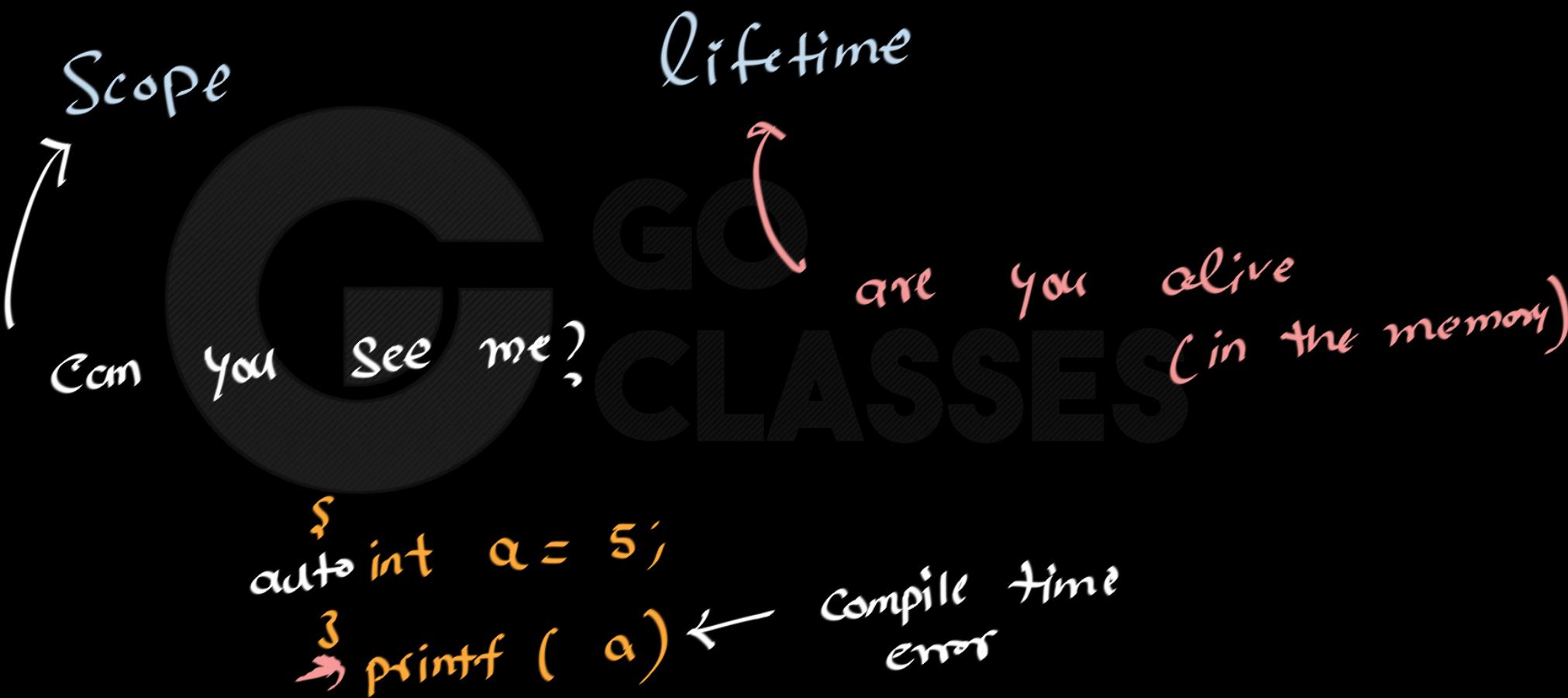
}

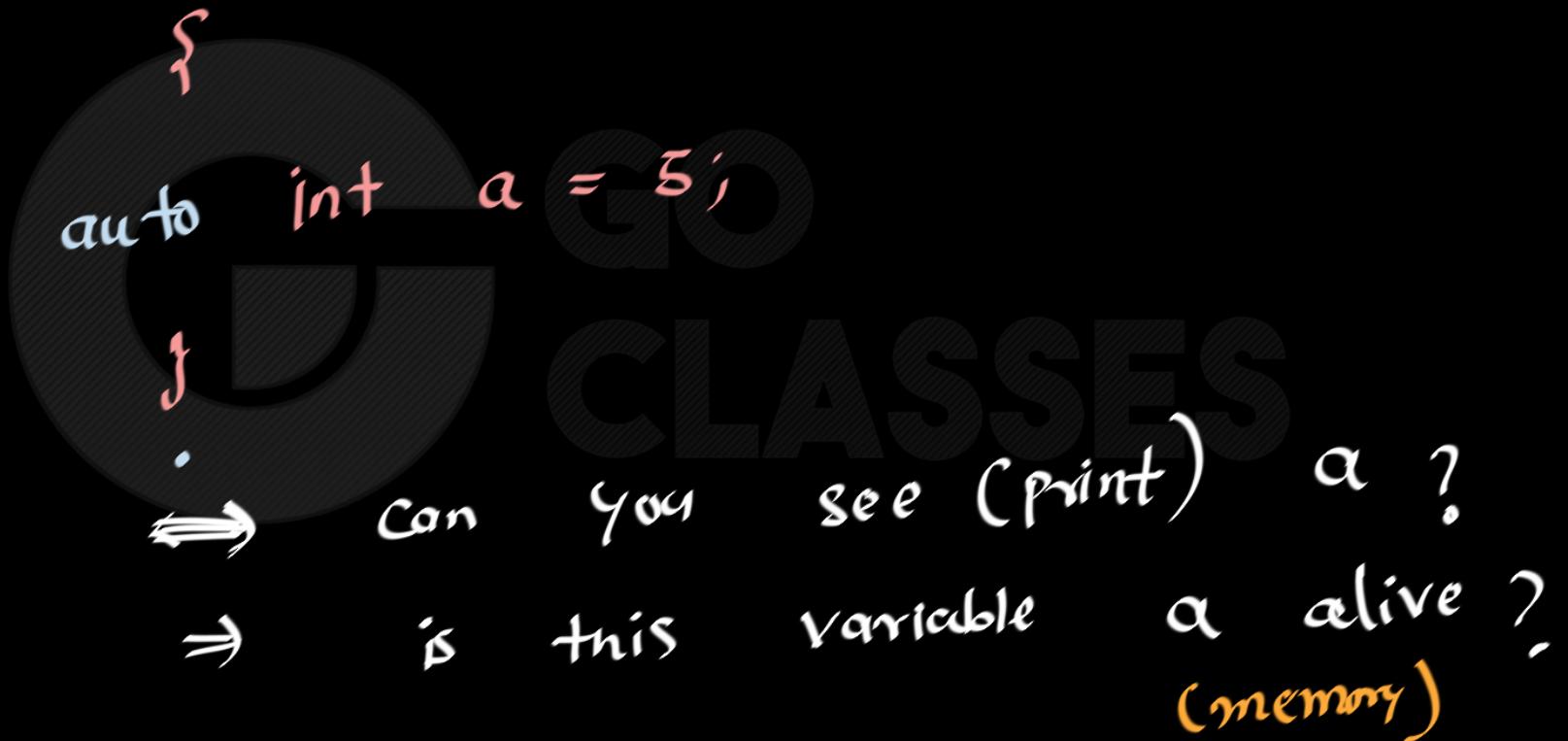
→ No scope (You can't access)

→ No lifetime (not in memory)

Scope Lifetime







{

auto int a = 5;

}

.

→ Can you see (print) a ?

⇒ Is this variable a alive ?
(memory)

Can you see me	Are you alive?	Possible	Possible	example
✓	✗			{ int a; };
✗	✓			{ int a; };

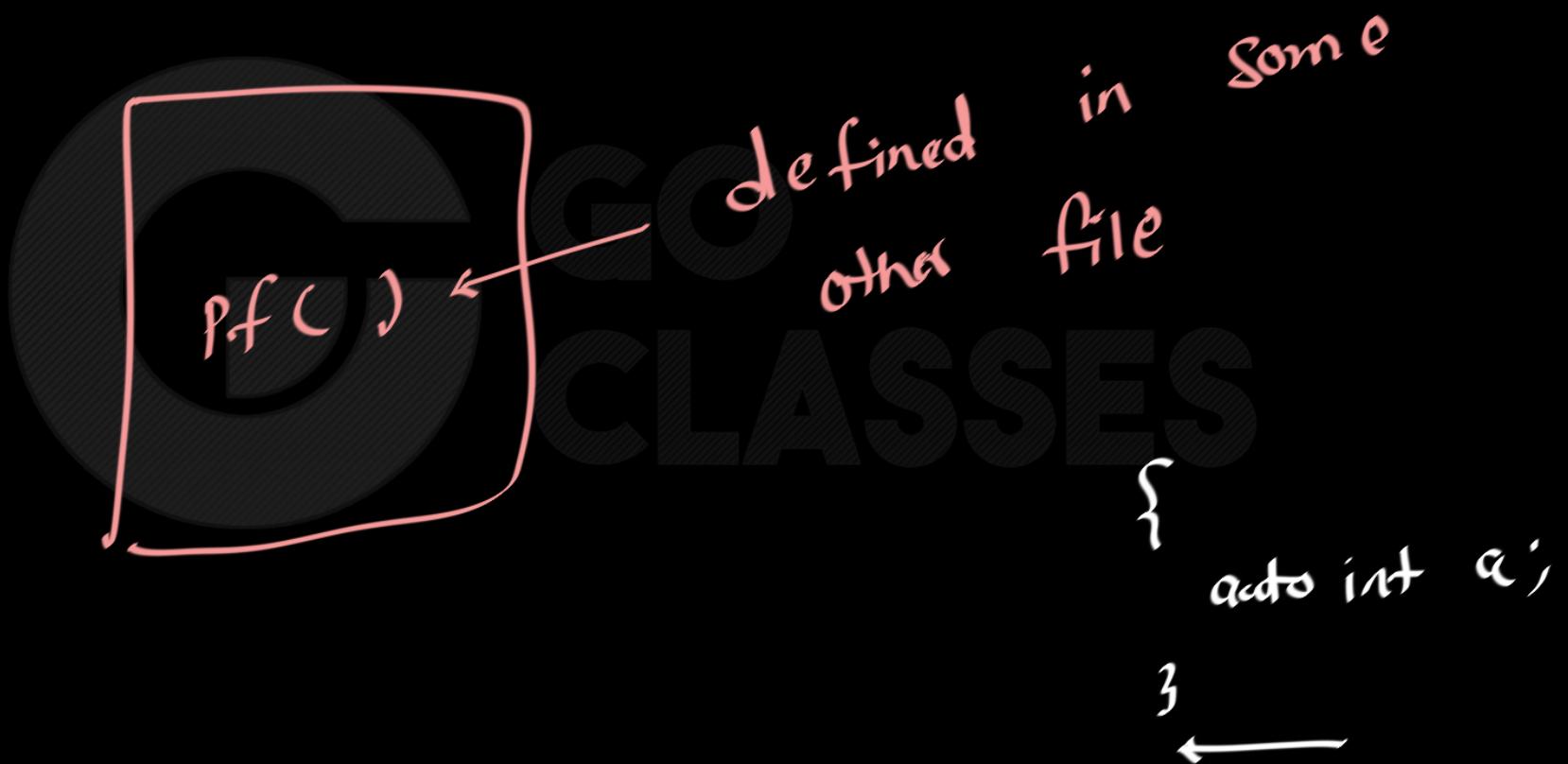
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✓	✗	impossible	
✗	✓	Possible	

↳ \$ static int a;
↳ ← can not access



auto Storage Class (Cont..)

- The auto storage class is the default storage class for all local variables.
- Objects with the auto class are NOT available to the linker.
- You can't use for global variables.



```
main ()  
{  
    int a;  
}
```

Can you use this

"a" outside the

file — NO —

extern

available
to linker

auto
register
static

} no links



auto Storage Class example -

```
main ()
{
    auto int b;                  /*  Valid auto declaration   */
    for (b = 0; b < 10; b++)
    {
        auto int a = b + a;    /*  valid inner block declaration   */
    }
}
```

auto Storage Class example -

```
auto int a;          /* Illegal -- auto must be within a block */
main ()
{
    auto int b;          /* Valid auto declaration */
    for (b = 0; b < 10; b++)
    {
        auto int a = b + a; /* Valid inner block declaration */
    }
}
```





Register Storage Class

- Storage – CPU register *(max)*

Same as auto

- Initial Value – Garbage

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- Scope – Within Block

- LifeTime – End of block



i is getting used again
and again

for (register int i=0; i<5; i++)

{ Pf(i)

}

Register Storage Class example -

```
void main(){
    register int i =0;
    printf("%d", i);
}
```

suggestion

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It's a hint to the compiler that the variable will be heavily used and that you recommend it be kept in a processor register if possible.

Most modern compilers do that automatically, and are better at picking them than us humans.

Register Storage Class example -

```
void main(){
    register int i =0;
    printf("%d", i);
}
```

No one use

register
keyword.

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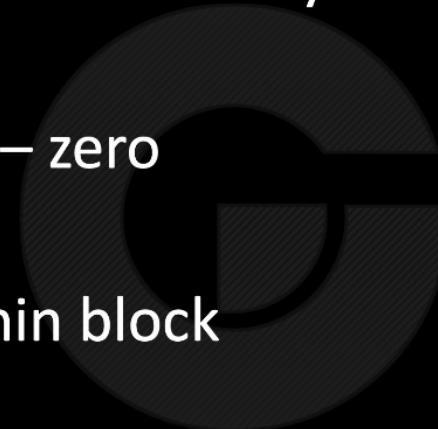
- You can't use auto or register for global variables.
- No one uses auto and register keywords.



Static Storage Class

as per GATE it is very imp.

- Storage – Static Memory
- Initial Value – zero
- Scope – within block
- Life Time – Till end of program
- Objects with the Static class are also NOT available to the linker.



main()

{
 int a;
}
 a will get

stored in stack
==

it is a
local variable

main()

{

 Static int b;
 b will get stored

in static area
==

it is also
a local
variable

int g;

main ()
{

}

Static int g;

main ()

{

Static is not a default
keyword for global

}



A diagram illustrating a function's scope. A large dark gray circle represents the function body. Inside, the word "main" is followed by an opening parenthesis. Below it is a brace symbol, and then the declaration "int g;" is shown. At the bottom of the circle is a closing brace symbol.

```
main ( )  
{  
    int g;  
}
```

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```
main ( )  
{  
    auto int g;  
}
```



int g; ← g is a
global variable
and all global
variables goes to
static area

main () { }



static int g;

main () { }

a global
variable and
also static
variable storage
is static



int g;

main ()

{

}

BOTH g are

going to STATIC AREA
only

static int g;

main ()

{

}

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local (auto) \Rightarrow stack storage

local (static) \Rightarrow static storage

global (static, or no static) \Rightarrow static storage

- Scope – within block

if local then
within { }

- Life Time – Till end of program

static variable
get destroyed only
if program terminates.

if global then
within same file
(you can not access
in other file)

```
fun ( )  
{  
    static int a = 5;  
}
```

```
main ( )  
{  
    fun();  
}
```

a is in memory
but we can't
access it.



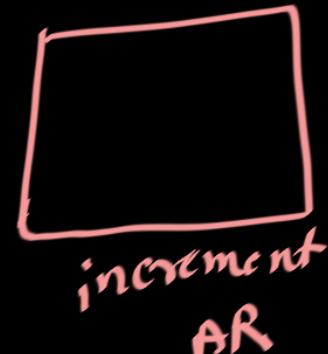
Static Storage Class Example -

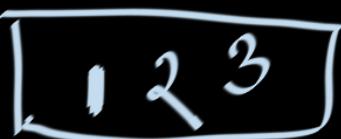
```
#include <stdio.h>

void increment() {
    static int count = 0;
    count++;
    printf("%d ", count);
}

int main() {
    increment();
    increment();
    increment();
    return 0;
}
```

*get executed
only once*



Output: 



Question: What will be the output of following program ?

```
#include <stdio.h>

void increment() {
    static int count = 5;
    count--;
    printf("%d ", count);
}

int main() {
    increment();
    increment();
    increment();
    return 0;
}
```

What will be the output of the program?

- a) 4 3 2
- b) 5 4 3
- c) 5 5 5
- d) 4 4 4





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    increment();
    return 0;
}
```

4 3 2

What will be the output of the program?

- a) 4 3 2
- b) 5 4 3
- c) 5 5 5
- d) 4 4 4

✓ 4 3 2



```
#include <stdio.h>

static int y = 5;

void fun() {
    static int y;
    y++;
    return;
}

int main() {
    fun();
    printf("%d", y);
    return 0;
}
```

Question: What will be the output of program given?





C Programming

```
#include <stdio.h>

static int y = 1;

void fun() {
    static int y;
    y=5;
    return;
}

int main() {
    static int y = 2;
    fun();
    printf("%d", y);
}

return 0;
```

Question: What will be the output of program given?

Static
Storage



Global y



fun y



main y



C Programming

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    static int y;
    y=5;
    return;
}

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    fun();
    printf("%d", y);
    return 0;
}
```

Question: What will be the output of program given?

Static storage
L → 2

Global y
1

fun y
5

main y
3



C Programming

```
main()
{
    int x = 0;

    for (int i = 1; i<5; i++)
    {
        x += fun1()+fun2();
    }

    printf("%d", x);
}

int fun1(){
    static int y = 5;
    y--;
    return y;
}
int fun2(){
    static int y;
    y++;
    return y;
}
```

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    }

    printf("%d", x);
}

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    static int y = 5;
    y--;
    return y;
}

int fun2(){
    static int y;
    y++;
    return y;
}

```

~~5~~ 10
x

20

~~8~~ 43
fun1 y
~~9~~ 12
fun2 y

Question: What will be the output of program given?

$$i=1 \quad x = 0 + \frac{+}{\cancel{fun1()}} + \frac{1}{\cancel{fun2()}} = 5$$

$$i=2 \quad x = 5 + \frac{3}{\cancel{fun1()}} + \frac{2}{\cancel{fun2()}} = 10$$

$$i=3 \quad x = 10 + 2 + 3 = 15$$

$$i=4 \quad x = 15 + 1 + 4 = 20$$



Extern Storage Class

- Storage – Static Memory
- Initial Value – zero
- Scope – Global
- Life Time – Till end of program
- Objects with the extern class are available to the linker.

extern refers to global variable
extern int a;
global variable



extern int a; $\not\Rightarrow$

int a

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a

Extern Storage Class example -

```
#include <stdio.h>  
  
int max;  
  
int main() {  
    int len;  
  
    extern int max;  
  
    printf("%d", max);  
  
    max = 5;  
}
```

Example 1

it is a way to tell
Compiler that there is a
global variable max.



Extern Storage Class example -

```
#include <stdio.h>

int max;

int main() {
    int len;

    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}

}
```

(Suppose we remove
extern from this code)

```
printf("%d", max);  
max = 5;           ↗ 0 ← output
```

}

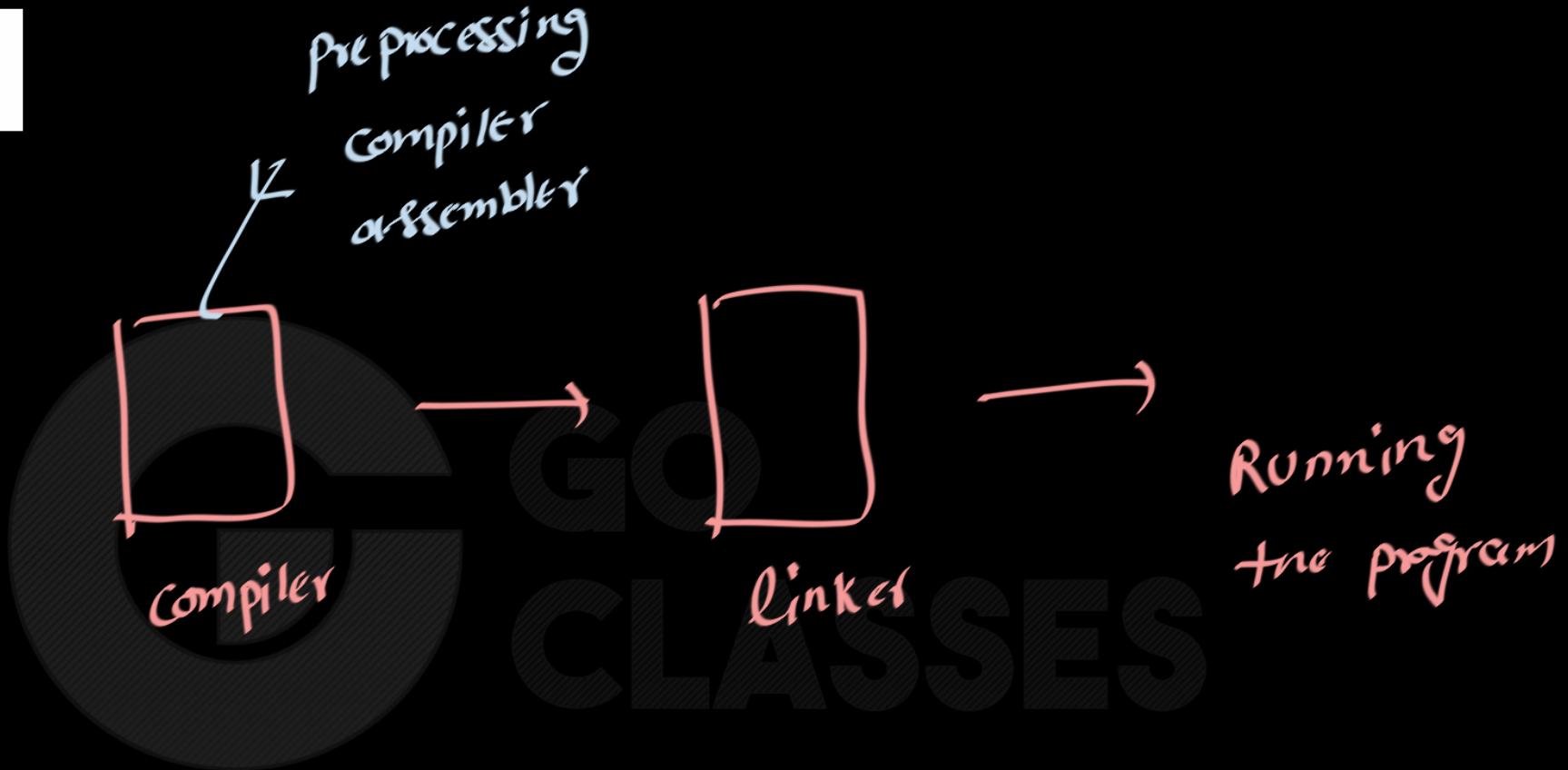
Extern Storage Class example -

Example 2

this line is telling to the compiler that -
please don't worry,
there is a global variable
max which is either in this file
or in another file

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int len;
    extern int max;
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
    int max;
```

Output



Extern Storage Class example -

```
#include <stdio.h>

✓ int max;

int main() {
    int len;
    ↗ extern int max;
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}
```



```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int len;
    extern int max; ↗
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}

int max;
```

this is useful

Extern Storage Class example -

```
#include <stdio.h>

int max;

int main() {
    int len;
    extern int max;
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}
```



```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int len;
    extern int max;
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}

int max;
```

this is useful
(but can be omitted)

why not shift the
int max to top and
remove extern?

Extern Storage Class example -

```
#include <stdio.h>
int max;
int main() {
    int len;
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int len;
    printf("%d", max);
    max = 5;
}
int max;
```



Extern Storage Class example -

Common practice is to place definitions of all external variables at the beginning of source file and then omit all the extern declarations.

extern int a;

main ()

{

}
int a

global use of
extern

We can NOT
refer local variables
using extern

main ()

{

int a;

extern int a;

}

here extern is
referring to local
variable

main ()

{

extern int a;

}

int a'

local
use
of extern



Note -

- Extern always refer global variables but it can be used with local or global variable.





Optional

Real Use of extern
key word

(with 2 files)
or more

```
/* main.c */  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
extern int gInt; ✓  
  
void change_extern(void); ✓  
  
int main() ←  
{  
    printf("main1 gInt %d\n", gInt); ←  
    change_extern(); ✓  
    gInt = 5; ✓  
    change_extern(); ←  
    printf("main2 gInt %d\n", gInt); ←  
    return 0; ←  
}
```

Will this program
get compiled? } => YES.

```
/* main.c */  
#include <stdio.h>  
  
extern int gInt; ✓  
  
void change_extern(void); ✓  
  
int main() ←  
{  
    printf("main1 gInt %d\n", gInt); ←  
    change_extern(); ✓  
    gInt = 5; ✓  
    change_extern(); ←  
    printf("main2 gInt %d\n", gInt); ←  
    return 0; ←  
}
```

What kind of
error it will show
⇒ linker error



C Programming

```
/* main.c */
#include <stdio.h>

extern int gInt; ✓

void change_extern(void); ✓

int main() ✓
{
    printf("main1 gInt %d\n", gInt); ✓
    change_extern(); ✓
    gInt = 5; ✓
    change_extern(); ✓
    printf("main2 gInt %d\n", gInt); ✓
    return 0; ✓
}
```



C Programming

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#include <stdio.h>

extern int gInt;

void change_extern(void);

int main()
{
    printf("main1 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    change_extern();
    gInt = 5;
    change_extern();
    printf("main2 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    return 0;
}
```

```
/* extern.c */
#include <stdio.h>

int gInt;

void change_extern(void)
{
    printf("change_extern1 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    gInt = 10;
    printf("change_extern2 gInt %d\n", gInt);
}
```



How does it look like after

Linking?

One file

```
extern int gInt;

void change_extern(void);

int main()
{
    printf("main1 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    change_extern();
    gInt = 5;
    change_extern();
    printf("main2 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    return 0;
}
```

```
int gInt;

void change_extern(void)
{
    printf("change_extern1 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    gInt = 10;
    printf("change_extern2 gInt %d\n", gInt);
}
```

```
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{
    printf("change_extern1 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    gInt = 10;
    printf("change_extern2 gInt %d\n", gInt);
}
```

```
int main()
{
    printf("main1 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    change_extern();
    gInt = 5;
    change_extern();
    printf("main2 gInt %d\n", gInt);
    return 0;
}
```

linked
file

~~gInt~~ 10 5 10

main1 gInt 0

change_extern1 gInt 0

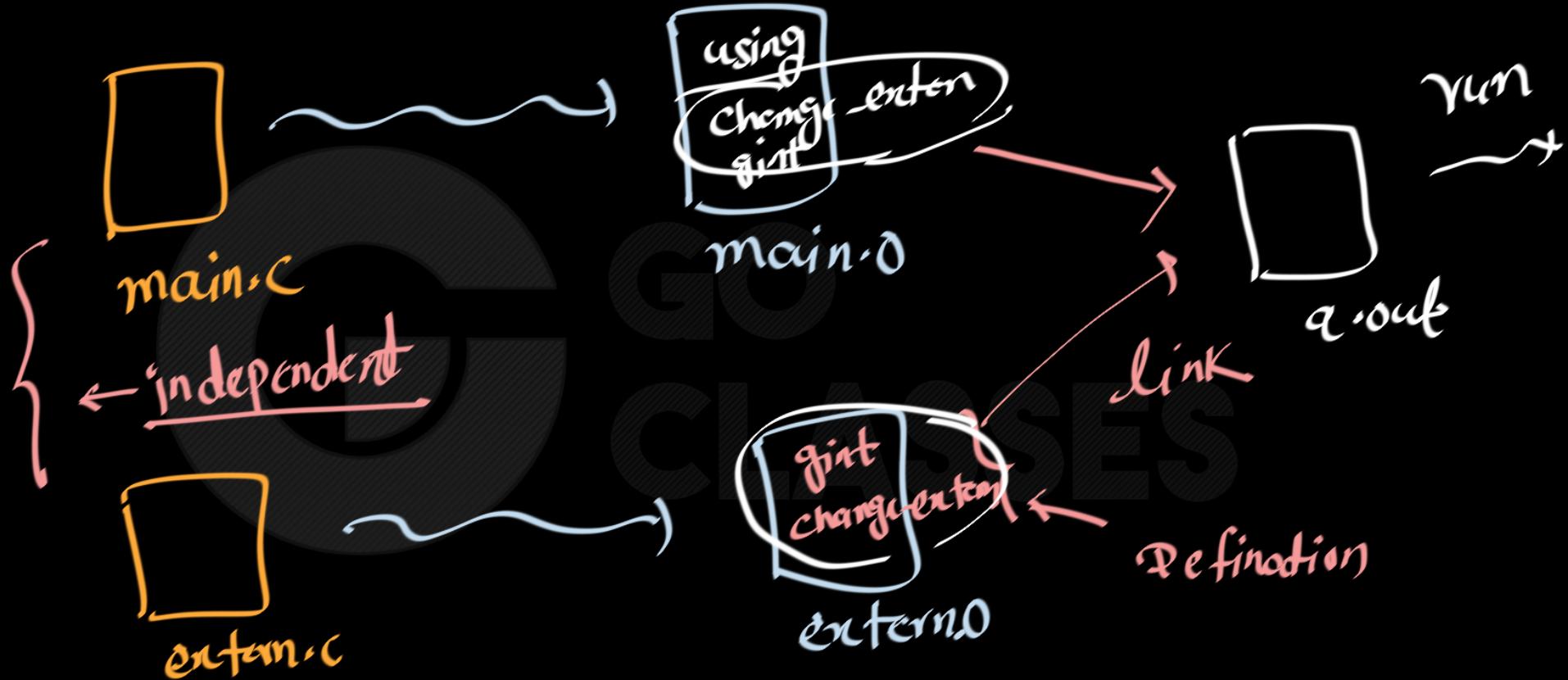
change_extern2 gInt 10

change_extern1 gInt 5

change_extern2 gInt 10

main2 gInt 10

main1 gInt 0
change_extern1 gInt 0
change_extern2 gInt 10
change_extern1 gInt 5
change_extern2 gInt 10
main2 gInt 10





Few more Questions

```
#include<stdio.h>
main()
{
    extern int num;
    num = 20;
    printf("%d", num);
}
```

there is a global
variable num either in
this file or any other
file (don't worry)

No compilation error

Linker error

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linker error

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C Programming

```
#include<stdio.h>
main()
{
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    printf("%d", num);
}
```

then is a compiler
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```
#include <stdio.h>           ↗  
extern int i;                ↗ //extern variable  
int main(){                 ↗  
    i=5;                      ↗  
    printf("%d",i);            ↗  
    return 0;                  ↗  
}
```



C Programming

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern int i; //extern variable
int main(){
    i=5;
    printf("%d",i);
    return 0;
}
```

no compiler error
linker error



C Programming

```
#include <stdio.h> ✓
extern int i; //extern variable
int main(){
    int i=5;
    printf("%d",i);
    return 0; ✓
}
```

```
#include <stdio.h>
extern int i; //extern variable
int main(){
    int i=5;
    printf("%d",i);
    return 0;
}
```

Not using
this anywhere
(no linking required)

No Compiler error
No linker error



C Programming

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C Programming

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int main(){
    printf("Hello");
    return 0;
}
```

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#include <stdio.h> ✓  
void fun(void); ✓  
int main(){ ✓  
    printf("Hello"); ✓  
    return 0; ✓  
}
```

No compiler error
not using/calling
this f^ anywhere
No linker error also.



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#include <stdio.h>

void fun(void);

int main(){
    printf("Hello");
    fun();
    return 0;
}
```

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```
#include <stdio.h> ✓ No compiler error  
void fun(void); ✓ Linker error  
int main(){  
    printf("Hello");  
    fun(); ← we are using/ calling  
    return 0; ✓ }
```



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#include <stdio.h>
```

```
int main(){
    printf("Hello");
    fun();
    return 0;
}
```

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int main(){
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}
```

Compiler will produce
error here.



```
#include<stdio.h>
int main() {
    extern int i = 10;
    printf("%d", i);
    return 0;
}
```

extern int i;
inti=10

Options:

- A. Garbage value
- B. 10
- C. Compiler Error
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No one use '=' with
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