Data types, arrays, pointer, memory storage classes, function call

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Lecture 03

BE5B99CPL - C Programming Language

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Part I
Data Types

Numeric Types Character Type Logical Type Type Cast Arrays Pointers

Basic Data Types

Basic (built-in) types are numeric integer and floating types

Logical data type has been introduced in C99

- C data type keywords are
 - Integer types: int, long, short, and char Range "modifiers": signed, unsigned
 - Floating types: float, double
 May also be used as long double
 - Character type: char

Can be also used as the integer type

- Data type with empty set of possible values: void
- Logical data type: _Bool
- Size of the memory representation depends on the system, compiler, etc.
 - The actual size of the data type can be determined by the sizeof operator
- New data type can be introduced by the typedef keyword

Basic Numeric Types

■ Integer Types - int, long, short, char

char - integer number in the range of single byte or character

 Size of the allocated memory by numeric variable depends on the computer architecture and/or compiler

Type int usually has 4 bytes even on 64-bits systems

 The size of the memory representation can be find out by the operator sizeof() with one argument name of the type or variable.

```
int i;
printf("%lu\n", sizeof(int));
printf("ui size: %lu\n", sizeof(i));
```

lec03/types.c

Floating types - float, double

Depends on the implementation, usually according to the IEEE Standard 754 (1985) (or as IEC 60559)

- **float** 32-bit IEEE 754
- double 64-bit IEEE 754

http://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/c_data_types.htm

Integer Data Types

 Size of the integer data types are not defined by the C norm but by the implementation

They can differ by the implementation, especially for 16-bits vs 64-bits computational environments.

- The C norm defines that for the range of the types, it holds that
 - short < int < long
 - unsigned short ≤ unsigned ≤ unsigned long
- The fundamental data type int has usually 4 bytes representation on 32-bit and 64-bit architectures

Notice, on 64-bit architecture, a pointer is 8 bytes long vs int

Data type size the minimal and maximal value

Туре	Min value	Max value
short	-32,768	32,767
int	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
unsigned int	0	4,294,967,295

Signed and Unsigned Integer Types

 In addition to the number of bytes representing integer types, we can further distinguish

unsigned char: values from 0 to 255

- signed (default) and
- unsigned data types

A variable of unsigned type cannot represent negative number

Example (1 byte):

```
signed char: values from -128 to 127

unsigned char uc = 127;
char su = 127;

printf("The value of uc=%i and su=%i\n", uc, su);
uc = uc + 2;
su = su + 2;
printf("The value of uc=%i and su=%i\n", uc, su);
```

lec03/signed_unsigned_char.c

Integer Data Types with Defined Size

A particular size of the integer data types can be specified, e.g., by the data types defined in the header file <stdint.h>

IEEE Std 1003.1-2001

```
int8_t uint8_t
int16_t uint16_t
int32_t uint32_t
```

lec03/inttypes.c

http://pubs.opengroup.org/onlinepubs/009695399/basedefs/stdint.h.html

Floating Types

- C provides three floating types
 - float Single-precision floating-point

Suitable for local computations with one decimal point

double – Double-precision floating-point

Usually fine for most of the programs

■ long double — Extended—precision floating-point

Rarely used

- C does not define the precision, but it is mostly IEEE 754

ISO/IEC/IEEE 60559:2011

- double 64 bits (8 bytes) with sign, exponent, and mantissa
 - s-1 bit sign (+ or -)
 - Exponent 11 bits, i.e., 2048 numbers
 - Mantissa 52 bits ≈ 4.5 quadrillions numbers
- A rational number x is stored according to
 4 503 599 627 370 496

$$x = (-1)^s$$
 Mantisa $\cdot 2^{\text{Exponent-Bias}}$

Bias allows to store exponent always as positive number It can be further tuned, e.g., Bias = 2^{eb-1}-1, where eb is the number bits of the exponent.

Character - char

Numeric Types

- A single character (letter) is of the char type
- It represents an integer number (byte)
 Character encoding (graphics symbols), e.g., ASCII American Standard Code for Information Interchange.
- The value of char can be written as constant, e.g., 'a'.

```
char c = 'a';
printf("The value is %i or as char '%c'\n", c, c);
```

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```
clang char.c && ./a.out
The value is 97 or as char 'a'
```

There are defined several control characters for output devices

The so-called escape sequences

- \t tabular, \n newline,
- \a beep, \b backspace, \r carriage return,
- \f form feed, \v vertical space

Boolean type - Bool

- In C99, the logical data type _Bool has been introduced _Bool logic_variable;
- The value true is any value of the type int different from 0
- In the header file stdbool.h, values of true and false are defined together with the type bool

Using preprocessor

```
#define false 0
#define true 1
#define bool _Bool
```

- In the former (ANSI) C, an explicit data type for logical values is not defined
 - A similar definition as in <stdbool.h> can be used #define FALSE 0 #define TRUE 1

Type Conversions – Cast

- Type conversion transforms value of some type to the value of different type
- Type conversion can be
 - Implicit automatically, e.g., by the compiler for assignment
 - Explicit must be prescribed using the cast operator
- Type conversion of the int type to the double type is implicit

Value of the int type can be used in the expression, where a value of the double type is expected. The int value is automatically converted to the double value.

Exampl

Implicit type conversion is safe

Explicit Type Conversion

- Tranformation of values of the double type to the int type has to be explicitely prescribed by the cast operator
- The franctional part is truncated

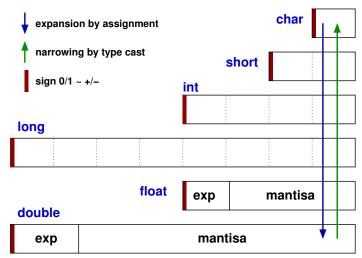
```
Příklad
```

Explicit type conversion can be potentially dangerous

Examples

Type Cast of Numeric Types

 The basic data types are mutually incompatible, but their values can be transformed by type cast



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Array

A data structure to store several data values of the same type

Values are stored in a continues block of memory

- Each element has identical size, and thus its relative address from the beginning of the array is uniquely defined
 - Elements can be addressed by order of the element in the array

 The variable of the type array represents address of the memory space, where values are stored

```
Address = 1st_element_address + size_of_the_type * index_of_the_element
```

- The memory is allocated by the declaration of the array variable with the defined number of the elements of the particular size
- Size of the array cannot be changed

Array Declaration

- Declaration consists of the type (of the array elements), name of the variable, and size (the number of elements) in the [] brackets type variable [];
- [] is also the array subscripting operator array_variable [index]

```
Example of array of int elements int array[10];

printf("Size of array %lu\n", sizeof(array));
printf("Item %i of the array is %i\n", 4, array[4]);

Size of array 40
Item 4 of the array is -5728
```

Values of individual elements are not initialized!

C does not check validity of the array index during the program run time!

Arrays - Example

Declaration of 1D and two-dimensional arrays
/* 1D array with elements of the char type */
char simple_array[10];

/* 2D array with elements of the int type */
int two_dimensional_array[2][2];

Accessing elements of the array

```
m[1][2] = 2*1;
```

#include <stdio.h>

Example of array declaration and accessing its elements

```
2
                                                         Item[0]
   int main(void)
                                                         Item[1] = 0
                                                         Item[2] = 740314624
       int array[5];
5
                                                         Item[3] = 0
6
                                                         Item[4] = 0
       printf("Size of array: %lu\n", sizeof(array));
7
       for (int i = 0; i < 5; ++i) {
          printf("Item[%i] = %i\n", i, array[i]);
10
                                                           lec03/arrav.c
       return 0;
11
12
```

Size of array: 20

Array in a Function and as a Function Argument

Array declared in a function is a local variable

```
The of the local variable is only within the block (function).

void fce(int n)
{
   int array[n];
   // we can use array here
   {
      int array2[n*2];
   } // end of the block destroy local variables
   // here, array2 no longer exists
} // after end of the function, a variable is automatically destroyed
```

- Array (as any other local variable) is automatically created at the declaration, and it is automatically destroyed at the end of the block (function);
 The memory is automatically allocated and released.
- Local variables are stored at the stack, which is usually relatively small
- Therefore, it may be suitable to allocate a large array dynamically (in the so called heap memory) using pointers
- Array can be argument of a function

void fce(int array[]);

However, the value is passed as pointer!

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Pointer

 Pointer is a variable which value is an address where the value of some type is stored

- Pointer refers to the memory location where value (e.g., of another variable) is stored
- Pointer is of type of the data it can refer

Type is important for the pointer arithmetic

- Pointer to a value (variable) of primitive types: char, int, ...
- "Pointer to an array"; pointer to function; pointer to a pointer
- Pointer can be also without type, i.e., void pointer
 - Size of the variable (data) cannot be determined from the void pointer
 - The pointer can point to any address
- Empty address is defined by the symbolic constant NULL

C99 - int value 0 can be used as well

Validity of the pointer address is not guaranteed!

Pointers allow to write efficient codes, but they can also be sources of many bugs. Therefore, acquired knowledge of the indirect addressing and memory organization is crucial.

Address and Indirect Operators

- Address operator &
 - It returns address of the memory location, where the value of the variable is stored
 &variable
- Indirect operator *
 - It returns I-value corresponding to the value at the address stored in the pointer variable

*variable of the pointer type

- It allows to read and write values to the memory location addressed by the value of the pointer, e.g., pointer to the int type as int *p
- *p = 10; // write value 10 to the address stored in the p variable

```
int a = *p; // read value from the address stored in p
```

The address can be printed using "%p" in the printf() function
int a = 10;
int *p = &a;

```
printf("Value of a %i, address of a %p\n", a, &a);
printf("Value of p %p, address of p %p\n", p, &p);
```

Value of a 10, address of a 0x7fffffffe95c Value of p 0x7fffffffe95c, address of p 0x7fffffffe950

Pointers

```
int i = 10; // variable of the int type
           // &i - adresa of the variable i
int *pi; // declaration of the pointer to int
           // pi pointer to the value of the int type
           // *pi value of the int type
pi = &i; // set address of i to pi
int b; // int variable
b = *pi; // set content of the addressed reference
           // by the pi pointer to the to the variable b
```

Pointer – Examples 2/2

```
printf("i: %d -- pi: %p\n", i, pi); // 10 0x7fffffffe8fc
printf("&i: %p -- *pi: %d\n", &i, *pi); // 0x7fffffffe8fc
printf("*(&)i: %d -- &(*pi): %p\n", *(&i), &(*pi));
printf("i: %d -- *pj: %d\n", i, *pj); // 10 10
i = 20:
printf("i: %d -- *pj: %d\n", i, *pj); // 20 20
printf("sizeof(i): %lu\n", sizeof(i)); // 4
printf("sizeof(pi): %lu\n", sizeof(pi));// 8
long l = (long)pi;
printf("0x%lx %p\n", 1, pi); /* print 1 as hex -- %lx */
// 0x7ffffffffe8fc 0x7ffffffffe8fc
1 = 10:
pi = (int*)1; /* possible but it is nonsense */
printf("1: 0x%lx %p\n", 1, pi); // 0xa 0xa
```

lec03/pointers.c

Pointers and Coding Style

- Pointer type is denoted by the * symbol
- * can be attached to the type name or the variable name
- * attached to the variable name is preferred to avoid oversight errors

```
char* a, b, c; char *a, *b, *c;

Only a is the pointer

All variables are pointers
```

- Pointer to a pointer to a value of char type char **a;
- Writting pointer type (without variable): char* or char**
- Pointer to a value of empty type

```
void *ptr
```

- Guaranteed not valid address has the symbolic name NULL
 Defined as a preprocessor macro (0 can be used in C99)
- Variables in C are not automatically initialized, and therefore, pointers can reference any address in the memory.
- Thus, it may be suitable to explicitly initialize pointers to 0 or NULL.
 E.g., int *i = NULL:

Part II

Functions and Memory Classes

Functions and Passing Arguments

Passing Arguments to Function

- In C, function argument is passed by its value
- Arguments are local variables (allocated on the stack), and they are initialized by the values passed to the function void fce(int a, char *b) { /*

```
a - local variable of the int type (stored on the stack)
```

- b local variable of the pointer to char type (the value is address) the variable b is stored on the stack */
- }
- Change of the local variable does not change the value of the variable (passed to the function) outside the function
- However, by passing pointer, we have access to the address of the original variable

We can achieve a similar behaviour as passing by reference.

Passing Arguments - Example

Variable a is passed by it value

void fce(int a, char* b)

Variable b "implements" calling by reference"

```
{
    a += 1;
    (*b)++;
}
int a = 10;
char b = 'A';
printf("Before call a: %d b: %c\n", a, b);
fce(a, &b);
printf("After call a: %d b: %c\n", a, b);
```

Program output

Before call a: 10 b: A After call a: 10 b: B

lec03/function call.c

We can pass arguments to the main() function during program execution

```
int main(int argc, char *argv[])
int main(int argc, char *argv[])

for (int i = 0; i < argc; ++i) {
    printf("argv[%i] = %s\n", i, argv[i]);
    }

return argc > 1 ? 0 : 1;

clang demo-arg.c -o arg
./arg one two three

argv[0] = ./arg
argv[1] = one
argv[2] = two
argv[3] = thre

lec03/demo-arg.c
```

The program return value is passed by return in main()./arg >/dev/null; echo \$?

```
1
./arg first >/dev/null; echo $?
0
```

In shell, the program return value is stored in \$?, which can be print by echo

>/dev/null redirect the standard output to /dev/null

Reminder

Program Interaction using stdin, stdout, and stderr

- The main function int main(int argc, char *argv[])
 - We can pass arguments to the program as text strings
 - We can receive return value of the program

By convention, 0 without error, other values indicate some problem

- At runtime, we can read from stdin and print to stdout E.g., using scanf() or printf()
- We can redirect stdin and stdout from/to a file In such a case, the program does not wait for the user input (pressing "Enter")
- In addition to stdin and stdout, each (terminal) program has standard error output (stderr), which can be also redirected

```
./program <stdin.txt >stdout.txt 2>stderr.txt
```

- Instead of scanf() and printf() we can use fscanf() and fprintf()
 - The first argument of the functions is a file, but they behave identically
 - Files stdin, stdout and stderr are defined in <stdio.h>

Program Output Redirection - Example

At least one argument must be given!

```
#include <stdio.h>
   int main(int argc, char *argv[])
4
5
6
      int ret = 0:
      fprintf(stdout, "Program has been called as %s\n", argv[0]);
7
      if (argc > 1) {
8
          fprintf(stdout, "1st argument is %s\n", argv[1]);
9
      } else {
10
          fprintf(stdout, "1st argument is not given\n");
11
          fprintf(stderr, "At least one argument must be given!\n");
12
         ret = -1;
13
14
15
      return ret:
                                                   lec03/demo-stdout.c
16
 ■ Example of the output - clang demo-stdout.c -o demo-stdout
                                            ./demo-stdout 2>stderr
./demo-stdout: echo $?
                                           Program has been called as ./
Program has been called as ./demo-
                                                demo-stdout
    stdout
                                            1st argument is not given
1st argument is not given
```

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./demo-stdout ARGUMENT 1>

stdout; echo \$?

Computers with Program Stored in the Operating Memory

- A sequence of instructions is read from the computer operating memory
- It provides great flexibility in creating the list of instructions

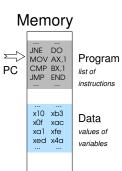
The program can be arbitrarily changed

- The computer architectures with the shared memory for data and program
 - Von Neumann architecture

John von Neumann (1903–1957)

- Program and data are in the same memory type
- Address of the currently executed instruction is stored in the Program Counter (PC)
- The architecture also allows that a pointer can address not only to data but also to the part of the memory where a program is stored.

Pointer to a function



Basic Memory Organization

The memory of the program can be categorized into five parts

Stack – local variables. function arguments, return value

Automatically managed

Heap – dynamic memory (malloc(), free())

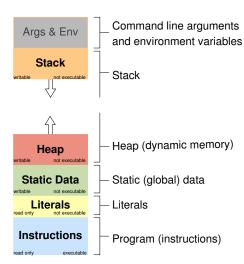
Managed by the programmer

Static – global or "local" static variables

Initialized at the program start

- Literals values written in the source code, e.g., strings Initialized at the program start
- instructions Initialized at the program start

Program - machine



Scope of Local Variables

Local variables are declared (and valid) inside a block or function

```
int a = 1; // global variable
   void function(void)
   { // here, a represents the global variable
      int a = 10; // local variable a shadowing the global a
5
      if (a == 10) {
         int a = 1; // new local variable a; access to the
                     // former local a is shadowed
8
         int b = 20; // local variable valid inside the block
9
         a = b + 10; // the value of the variable a is 11
10
      } // end of the block
11
      // here, the value of a is 10, it is the local
12
      // variable from the line 5
13
14
      b = 10; // b is not valid (declared) variable
15
16
   }
```

- Global variables are accessible "everywhere" in the program
 - A global variable can be shadowed by a local variable of the same name, which can be solved by the specifier extern in a block

http://www.tutorialspoint.com/cprogramming/c_scope_rules.htm

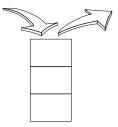
- Memory allocation is determination of the memory space for storing variable value
- For local variables as the function arguments, the memory is allocated during the function call
 - The memory is allocated until the function return
 - It is automatically allocated from reserved space called Stack The memory is automatically released for the further usage at the end of block.
 - The exceptions are local variables with the specifier static
 - Regarding the scope, they are local variables
 - But the value is preserved after the function/block end
 - They are stored in the static part of the memory
- Dynamic allocation of the memory library, e.g., <stdlib.h>
 - The memory allocation is by the malloc() function Alternative memory management libraries exist, e.g., with garbage col*lector* - boehm-gc
 - The memory is allocated from the reserved part of the memory called Heap

Functions and Passing Arguments

Stack

- Memory blocks allocated to local variables and function arguments are organized in a stack
- The memory blocks are "pushed" and "popped"
 - The last added block is always popped first

LIFO - last in. first out



- The function call is also stored in the stack.
 - The return value and also the value of the "program counter" denoted the location of the program at which the function has been called.
- The variables for the function arguments are allocated on the stack By repeated recursive function call, the memory reserved for the stack can be depleted, and the program is terminated with an error.

```
#include <stdio.h>
void printValue(int v)
   printf("value: %i\n", v);
   printValue(v + 1);
int main(void)
  printValue(1);
                               lec03/demo-stack overflow.c
```

Try yourself to execute the program with a limited stack size

```
clang demo-stack_overflow.c
ulimit -s 1000: ./a.out | tail -n 3
value: 31730
value: 31731
Segmentation fault
ulimit -s 10000; ./a.out | tail -n 3
value: 319816
value: 319817
Segmentation fault
```

Comment – Coding Style and return 1/2

■ The return statement terminates the function call and passes the value (if any) to the calling function

```
int doSomethingUseful()
   int ret = -1;
   return ret;
```

How many times return should be placed in a function? int doSomething() if (!cond1 && cond2 && cond3 ... do some long code ... return 0;

```
int doSomething()
   if (cond1) {
      return 0:
   if (!cond2) {
      return 0;
   if (!cond3) {
      return 0;
   ... some long code ....
   return 0;
```

- Calling return at the beginning can be helpful
 - E.g., we can terminate the function based on the value of the passed arguments.
- Coding style can prescribe to use only a single return in a function Provides a great advantage to identify the return, e.g., for further processing of the function return value.
- It is not recommended to use else immediately after return (or other interruption of the program flow), e.g.,

```
case 10:
                             case 10:
   if (...) {
                                 if (...) {
      return 1;
                                    return 1;
   } else {
                                 } else {
      if (cond) {
                                    if (cond) {
         return -1:
                                       return -1;
      } else {
         break:
                                 break;
```

Variables

- Variables denote a particular part of the memory and can be divided according to the type of allocation
 - Static allocation is performed for the declaration of static and global variables. The memory space is allocated during the program start. The memory is never released (only at the program exit).
 - Automatic allocation is performed for the declaration of local variables. The memory space is allocated on the stack, and the memory of the variable is automatically released at the end of the variable scope.
 - Dynamic allocation is not directly supported by the C programming language, but it is provided by (standard) library functions

```
E.g., malloc() and free() from the standard C library <stdlib.h>
or <malloc.h>
```

http://gribblelab.org/CBootcamp/7_Memory_Stack_vs_Heap.html

Variable Declaration

- The variable declaration has a general form declaration-specifiers declarators;
- Declaration specifiers are:
 - Storage classes: at most one of the auto, static, extern, register
 - Type quantifiers: const, volatile, restrict

Zero or more type quantifiers are allowed

■ Type specifiers: void, char, short, int, long, float, signed, unsigned. In addition, struct and union type specifiers can be used. Finally, own types defined by typedef can be used as well.

Reminder from the 1st lecture.

Variables – Storage Classes Specifiers (SCS)

- auto (local) Temporary (automatic) variable is used for local variables declared inside a function or block. Implicit specifier, variables are on the stack.
- register Recommendation (to the compiler) to store the variable in the CPU register (to speedup).
- static

Functions and Passing Arguments

- Inside a block {...} the variable is declared as static, and its value is preserved even after leaving the block. It exists for the whole program run. It is stored in the static (global) part of the data memory (static data).
- Outside a block the variable is stored in the static data, but its visibility is restricted to a module
- extern extends the visibility of the (static) variables from a module to other parts of the program
 Global variables with the extern specifier are in the static data.

Memory Classes

Declarations – Example

Header file vardec.h

```
extern int global_variable;
                                                         lec03/vardec.h

    Source file vardec.c

       #include <stdio.h>
       #include "vardec.h"
       static int module_variable;
       int global_variable;
       void function(int p)
    7
    8
          int lv = 0; /* local variable */
    9
          static int lsv = 0; /* local static variable */
   10
          lv += 1:
   11
          lsv += 1:
   12
          printf("func: p%d, lv %d, lsv %d\n", p, lv, lsv);
   13
       }
   14
       int main(void)
   15
                                        Output
   16
          int local;
   17
                                          func: p 1, lv 1, slv 1
   18
          function(1);
                                       2 func: p 1, lv 1, slv 2
          function(1);
   19
                                       3 func: p 1, lv 1, slv 3
          function(1);
   20
          return 0;
   21
                                                         lec03/vardec.c
```

- Variables are declared by the type name and name of the variable
 - Lower case names of variables are preferred
 - Use underscore _ or camelCase for multi-word names

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CamelCase Declare each variable on a new line

int n; int number_of_items;

- The assignment statement is the assignment operating = and;
 - The left side of the assignment must be the I-value location-value, left-value – it has to represent a memory location where the value can be stored
 - Assignment is an expression, and it can be used whenever an expression of the particular type is allowed

```
Storing the value to left side is a side effect.
/* int c, i, j; */
i = i = 10:
if ((c = 5) == 5) {
   fprintf(stdout, "c is 5 \n");
} else {
   fprintf(stdout, "c is not 5\n");
                                                    lec03/assign.c
}
```

Summary of the Lecture

Topics Discussed

- Data types
- Arrays
- Pointers
- Memory Classes
- Next: Arrays, strings, and pointers.