

Problem Set 2: Looping, Arrays, Strings

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containing all C code files and answers to all questions.

For each problem of this set, you are asked to write a C program and answer some questions.

Total points: 90

Problem 1 (10 points): lexical scoping

scope1.c, scope2.c

1. Program scope1.c. In your main() function, put the following code:

```
int i;
for (i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
    printf("%d\n", i);
}
printf("%d\n", i);
```

- a. What does it print on the last line?
 - b. Why does it print a number that you did not specify?
2. Program scope2.c as above. This time, however, replace the second line with the following code (notice the added int):

```
for (int i = 1; i <= 10; i++) {
```

- a. What does it print on the last line this time?
- b. Is this number different? Why (or why not)? What does adding the int within the loop initialization do?

Problem 2 (20 points): buffer overrun and strncpy()

buf1.c, buf2.c, buf3.c, buf4.c

Buffer overrun, or buffer overflow, refers to the situation where an array is accessed at an index that is out of bounds, and is a typical example of “illegal” code. This problem uses variations of an example C program to show how buffer overrun can happen using the strncpy() function.

1. Program buf1.c. The strncpy() function accepts two strings and copies the content

of the second to the first. Write `buf1.c` to verify that the program runs as expected.

```
#define _FORTIFY_SOURCE 0    // turns off some warnings
#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>

int main(void) {
    char src[24] = "C programming";
    char dest[16];

    strcpy(dest, src);

    printf("dest: %s\n", dest);
    printf("src : %s\n", src);

    return 0;
}
```

2. Program `buf2.c` This time, change the variable `src` to have string "C programming is so fun". Name this program `buf2.c` and test if the program runs as expected.
 - a. What happens when you execute `buf2.c`?
 - b. Why do the output of `dest` and `src` appear this way? (This is tricky.)
 - c. How can you modify the program so that `dest` and `src` have the same string?
3. Program `buf3.c`. Function `strncpy()` is a function designed to accept a maximum number of bytes to copy. Copy `buf2.c` to create a new program `buf3.c` and in `buf3.c` replace the line calling `strcpy()` with the following code, which passes the size of `dest` to prevent buffer overrun:

```
strncpy(dest, src, sizeof(dest));
```

- a. Was `dest` printed as a string of length 16? If not, explain why.
4. Program `buf4.c`. Because of the NULL terminator, a `char` array of length 16 can hold a string that has up to 15 characters. Copy your `buf3.c` to a new program `buf4.c` and modify that to make it print `dest` as "C Programming i" which has exactly 15 characters. Hint: Do something to modify `dest[15]`, the last element of the array.

Problem 3 (10 points): buffer overrun and `scanf()`

`buf5.c`, `buf6.c`

Program `buf5.c`. Take the program `buf1.c` from the previous problem and replace the `strcpy()` line with the following line, which will make the program accept a single word from the keyboard input, and store it in `dest`:

```
scanf("%s", dest);
```

- Run the program and type "12345678901234567890" to see if `src` is changed. Why?
- Copy `buf5.c` into a new program `buf6.c`. Modify `scanf()` in `buf6.c` to use the format string `"%15s"`, and see how `src` and `dest` look now. Can you explain what caused the difference?

Problem 4 (30 points): Pascal's Triangle and multi-dimensional arrays

```

      1
     1 1
    1 2 1
   1 3 3 1
  1 4 6 4 1
 1 5 10 10 5 1

```

`pascal1.c`, `pascal2.c`

This is Pascal's Triangle, where the leftmost and rightmost entries of each row are 1 and the others are the sum of the two numbers above each. We are going to make a program that prints a skewed version of Pascal's Triangle:

```

1
1 1
1 2 1
1 3 3 1
(... etc)

```

In this problem, we will build a Pascal's Triangle again, using a two-dimensional array:

```
int pascal[16][16];
```

You can now build nested for-loops that calculate the numbers using:

```
pascal[i][j] = pascal[i-1][j-1] + pascal[i-1][j];
```

In order to align the numbers, use format string `"%5d"` to print the number with padded spaces.

- Program `pascal1.c`. Write a program that uses nested for-loops to print Pascal's triangle from row 0 to 15. The numbers should be aligned as above.
- Program `pascal2.c`. Instead of printing numbers, modify your program to print "*" if the number is odd, and " ", a space, if even. Print row 0 to 31.
 - What patterns, if any, do you see?

HINTS:

- The first for-loop will iterate over the row index i , starting from 0.
- The second loop index will iterate over the column index j , from 0 to i .
- Check to see if i is 0 or j , and in this case initialize to 1.
- In (2), make use of the modulus operator the conditional operator.

Problem 5 (20 points): word splitter with strtok()

strtok.c

The following code implements a simple command line interface, where the typed command is just repeated back to the user, until the user types an empty line to finish.

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

int main(void) {
    char line[512] = {0,};

    while (true) {
        printf("Enter a line of text:\n");
        fgets(line, sizeof(line), stdin);

        if (line[0] == '\n') {
            puts("bye");
            break;
        }

        printf("You typed: %s\n", line);
    }

    return 0;
}
```

Using the above code as an example, write a program `strtok.c` to print one word on each line. For the input “C programming is so fun”, the output should be:

```
You typed:
C
programming
is
so
fun
```

Hint: You will need to replace `printf()` with multiple calls to `strtok()`.