

C++ Software Engineering

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Module 1

"C++ Syntax"

2nd Lecture: `hello_world()` ;



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Pointers

- Pointers are variables whose values are memory addresses of variable. Thus, the pointer indirectly references a value of the variable.

- Declared using `*` (dereference operator) :

```
SomeDatatype *PointerName;
```

- Address of *ordinary* variables could be fetched using `&` (address/reference operator) :

```
SomeDatatype *PointerName = &VariableName;
```

- Pointers can be **initialized** using `new` keyword

```
SomeDatatype *PointerName = new SomeDatatype;
```

- Pointer to pointer is a variable contains address of a second pointer which points to location that contains a value of a variable :

```
SomeDatatype ** PtrtoPtrName = &PointerName;
```

- `char*` is the address to a memory cell holding a character, yet since strings are null terminated, then string values could be stored there – basically the length is from the beginning address stored in `char*` and the end is when the memory cell holds a value of null (0x00) e.g. if the `char*` pointer variable points to a cell holding 0x48, followed by 0x69 and 0x00, then it is actually holding the value for string "Hi".

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- Pointers enable programmers to:
 - Change the value of variables passed to function” call by reference ”.
 - Call function.
 - Work with dynamically allocated memory.
 - Represent complicated data structures such as linked lists and queues.
 - More efficient deal with arrays.

- Pointers have a limited set of arithmetic operations such as:
 - Incrementing(++) or decrementing(--) the value of a pointer.
 - Adding or subtracting an integer value from a pointer.

- Note: Constant pointer such as array name can not be modified by any arithmetic operation.

- There are different forms of pointers such as:
 - Dangling, Void , Null and Wild Pointers

Pointers In Action



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```
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3  c = &a;  
4  *d = b;  
5  b = *c;  
6  d = c;  
7  e = d;  
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- Compilers convert the source code into machine codes a.k.a. binaries. In GNU/Linux, binaries are represented in Executable and Linkable Format (ELF), and when loaded (executed), there are instructions on how reserve space in different spaces of the memory for the variables in the source code. There are three types of memory available to a program: static, automatic a.k.a. call *stack* (shown in cells colored in green) and dynamic which includes both *heap* and *free store* (grey cells). Differences between these types of memory would be covered throughout the course. Loader is provided with regions of memory from OS to follow the instruction in the ELF file.

Illustrations in this lecture are simplified and they do not resemble the actual reality. The details would be explained in later modules of this course.

a.out: ELF 64-bit LSB shared object, x86-64, version 1 (SYSV), dynamically linked, interpreter /lib64/ld-linux-x86-64.so.2, BuildID[sha1]=4c1cc299c5f4d54ab47e5dee5cf5088e7eafa4f7, for GNU/Linux 3.2.0, not stripped

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- Automatic memory, or *call stack* is where the local variables are stored.
- Dynamic memory is used for memory allocated explicitly by invoking allocation functions like **new**.
- Memory addresses here are just for the purpose of illustration – dynamic memories are usually allocated on higher address compared to static memories.
- Memory cells could vary in size depending on the type they want to store the data for. For simplifications, everything is depicted in the same size.
- Null pointer (**nullptr**) is a distinct type that is not itself a pointer type or a pointer to member type.

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b	41	0x7ffd8a26b801
*c	0x7ffd8a26b400	0x7ffd8a26b802
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- Dynamic memory allocated using **new** is instantiated in *free store* region and initialized in the default value of the type – for integers the default value is zero.

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- In order to access the memory space a pointer is pointing to, asterisk (*) is used – the procedure is called dereferencing a pointer.

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```

- Address of ordinary values could be assigned to pointers using reference operator (&).
- Notice the dynamic memory cell address **c** used to point to, is not known to the program anymore, after assigning the address of **a** into **c**.

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- Pointers could be dereferenced and assigned a value of a same type from a variable. The cell the pointers point to is obviously of the same type of the pointer.

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- Variables could be assigned to the value a pointer points to, once the pointer is dereferenced.

a

14

b

14

*c

0x7ffd8a26b800

*d

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*e

nullptr

*f

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- The address a pointer points to, could be assigned to another pointer – both variables are pointing to the same location after the assignment operation, naturally.
- Notice the dynamic memory cell address **d** used to point to, is not known to the program anymore, after assigning the address of **c** into **d**.

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```

- A pointer which is not locating to any available memory is known as uninitialized pointer.
- Uninitialized pointers could be assigned the value of other initialized pointers – both variables would then point to the same location of the memory.

a	14	0x7ffd8a26b800
b	14	0x7ffd8a26b801
*c	0x7ffd8a26b800	0x7ffd8a26b802
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Segmentation fault (core dumped)

- Any operation including accessing the location of an uninitialized pointer such as dereferencing, would result in segmentation fault error.

a 14

0x7ffd8a26b800

b 14

0x7ffd8a26b801

*c 0x7ffd8a26b800

0x7ffd8a26b802

*d 0x7ffd8a26b800

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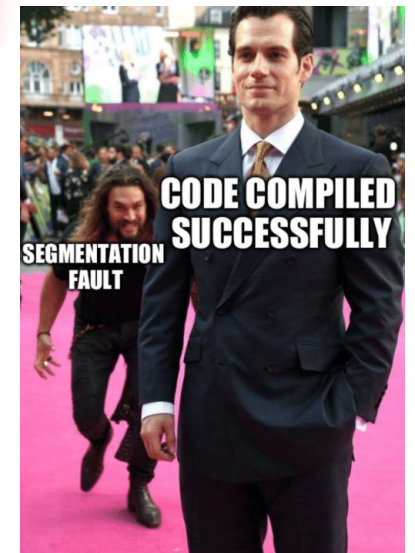
*e 0x7ffd8a26b800

0x7ffd8a26b804

*f nullptr

0x7ffd8a26b805

"In computing, a segmentation fault (often shortened to segfault) or access violation is a fault, or failure condition, raised by hardware with memory protection, notifying an operating system (OS) the software has attempted to access a restricted area of memory (a memory access violation)." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Segmentation_fault



It happens every time...

Memory Leakage

- Initialized memory using new should be deleted to not leak!

```
SomeDatatype *PointerName = new SomeDatatype;  
delete PointerName;
```

- Static and automatic memories are cleaned up by the loader automatically, once the execution exits the function's body, or the application execution terminates.
- Instructions on cleaning up the dynamic memory should be provided by the programmer. Dynamic memory which is not cleaned up would be still accessible after execution of the program even terminates. This imposes both security concerns and resource exhaustion worries.

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"In computer science, a memory leak is [...] (the) memory which is no longer needed (but) is not released [...] they can exhaust available system memory [...] (and) [...] cause [...] software aging." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Memory_leak

Dynamic Memory

- Size of the variables stored in static memory size should be known at compile time, however, dynamic memory is a memory acquired at runtime.
- Dynamic memory is created by invoking either **new** operator or C style allocation functions. The memory should be cleaned up using a call to **delete** or **free** respectively.
- In C++, **new/delete** are the favorable method to create and release dynamic memory.
- `Reinterpret_Cast` is used to convert from a pointer type to another type.

```
void *malloc(size_t __size)
    Allocate SIZE bytes of memory.

SomeDataType *PointerVariable =
    reinterpret_cast<SomeDataType*>( malloc( sizeof(SomeDataType) ) );
free (PointerVariable);
PointerVariable = nullptr;

PointerVariable =
    reinterpret_cast<SomeDataType*>( calloc(10, sizeof(SomeDataType) ) );
free (PointerVariable);
PointerVariable = nullptr;

PointerVariable = new SomeDataType; // preferred in C++
delete PointerVariable;
PointerVariable = nullptr;
```

- There are two different regions in dynamic memory at conceptual level; these are heap for C style allocations and free store for C++ **new**. Although these might be very similar regions in low levels, yet free store is more desirable in C++.

Scope

```
1  #include<iostream>
2  // Global
3  int foo, *bar, *bar1;
4  void fun1() {
5      int foo; //Local
6      foo = 5;
7      bar = &foo;
8      ::foo = foo + ++(*bar);
9  }
10 void fun2() {
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13 }
14 int main() {
15     fun1();
16     fun2();
17     ++(*bar1);
18     delete bar1;
19     delete bar;
20     return 0;
21 }
```

- A variable *local* to a body of code, is called local variable and is "available" through execution of that very body.
- A variable declared outside body of code is "available" through out execution of the program, *globally*, to all the code below the declaration.

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- When a function is loaded into the *call stack*, some variables and address locations are loaded into the memory. These are necessary fields which contain information required to execute a program, this is denoted by the magic cell below.

foo	0	0x7ffd8a26b400
*bar	nullptr	0x7ffd8a26b401
*bar1	nullptr	0x7ffd8a26b402
magic	main	0x7ffd8a26b800
		0x7ffd8a26b801
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Global variables are stored in <i>static</i> memory shown in blue cells.
Local variables are stored in the automatic memory or <i>call stack</i> shown in green, while dynamic memory region is shown in grey.

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```

- When a function is invoked, it is loaded into the *call stack*. Besides local variables, other information such as where to return after finishing the function is stored in *call stack* frame of the function, shown in magic cell of each function in below depiction.

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*bar1	nullptr	0x7ffd8a26b402
magic	main	0x7ffd8a26b800
magic	fun1	0x7ffd8a26b801
foo	0	0x7ffd8a26b802

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```

- Name resolution starts from the local block first. If there is no match, the global scope would be searched.

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```

A red arrow points to line 8. Brackets indicate the scope of the variables: '1st' for the local 'foo' in fun1, and '2nd' for the global 'foo'.

Level	Precedence group	Operator	Description	Grouping
1	Scope	::	scope qualifier	Left-to-right
2	Postfix (unary)	++ --	postfix increment / decrement	Left-to-right
		()	functional forms	
		[]	subscript	
3	Prefix (unary)	.	member access	Right-to-left
		++ --	prefix increment / decrement	
		~ !	bitwise NOT / logical NOT	
		+ -	unary prefix	
		& *	reference / dereference	
		new delete	allocation / deallocation	
4	Pointer-to-member	sizeof	parameter pack	Left-to-right
		(type)	C-style type-casting	
		.	access pointer	
5	Arithmetic: scaling	* / %	multiply, divide, modulo	Left-to-right
6	Arithmetic: addition	+ -	addition, subtraction	Left-to-right
7	Bitwise shift	<< >>	shift left, shift right	Left-to-right
8	Relational	< > <= >=	comparison operators	Left-to-right
9	Equality	== !=	equality / inequality	Left-to-right
10	And	&	bitwise AND	Left-to-right
11	Exclusive or	^	bitwise XOR	Left-to-right
12	Inclusive or		bitwise OR	Left-to-right
13	Conjunction	&&	logical AND	Left-to-right
14	Disjunction		logical OR	Left-to-right
15	Assignment-level expressions	= *= /= %= += -=	assignment / compound assignment	Right-to-left
		>>= <<= &= ^= =		
16	Sequencing	?:	conditional operator	Left-to-right
		,	comma separator	

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- To access global variables, empty scope qualifier (::) prior to the variable name could be used.
- Prefix operators execute the arithmetic on the actual object and returns a reference of the object.

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foo

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main

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fun1

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foo

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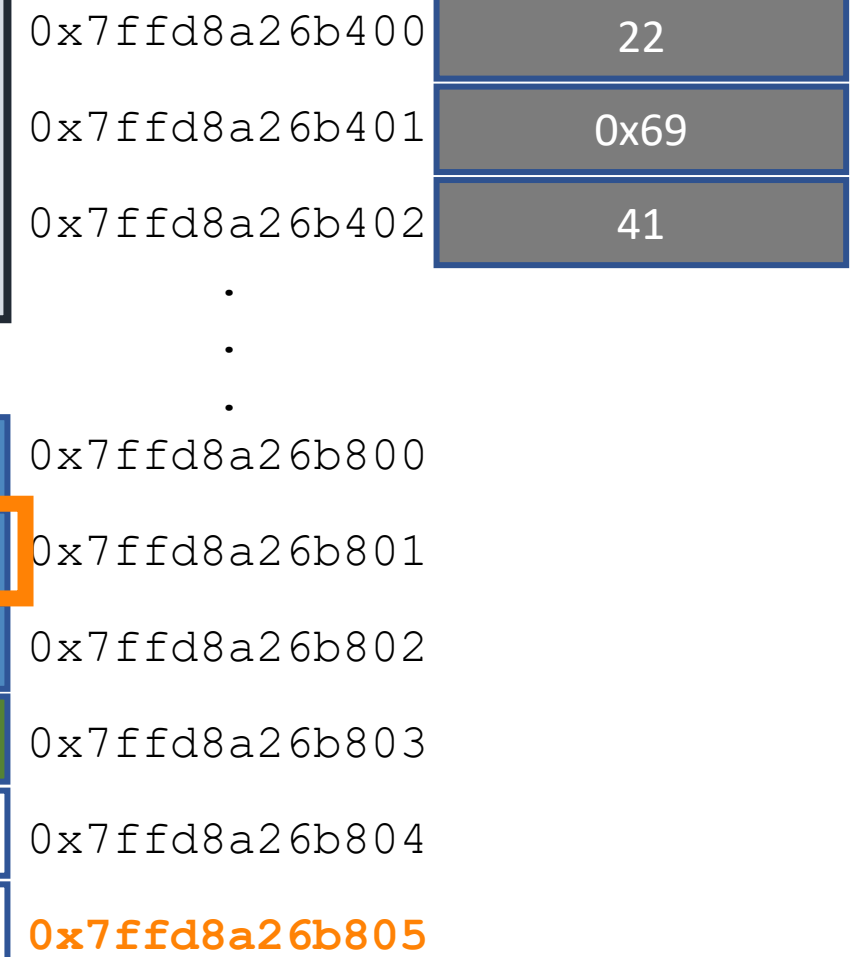
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8      ::foo = foo + ++(*bar);
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13 }
14 int main() {
15     fun1();
16     fun2();
17     ++(*bar1);
18     delete bar1;
19     delete bar;
20     return 0;
21 }
```

- Once the execution reaches the end of a function, automatic memory would be cleared and the function frame containing all the function's data is removed from the *call stack*.



Scope

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*bar1	nullptr	0x7ffd8a26b802
magic	main	0x7ffd8a26b803
magic	fun2	0x7ffd8a26b804
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Scope



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Level	Precedence group	Operator	Description	Grouping
1	Scope	::	scope qualifier	Left-to-right
2	Postfix (unary)	++ --	postfix increment / decrement	Left-to-right
		()	functional forms	
		[]	subscript	
3	Prefix (unary)	. ->	member access	Right-to-left
		++ --	prefix increment / decrement	
		~ !	bitwise NOT / logical NOT	
		+ -	unary prefix	
		& *	reference / dereference	
		new delete	allocation / deallocation	
4	Pointer-to-member	sizeof	parameter pack	Left-to-right
		(type)	C-style type-casting	
		.	access pointer	
5	Arithmetic: scaling	* / %	multiply, divide, modulo	Left-to-right
6	Arithmetic: addition	+ -	addition, subtraction	Left-to-right
7	Bitwise shift	<< >>	shift left, shift right	Left-to-right
8	Relational	< > <= >=	comparison operators	Left-to-right
9	Equality	== !=	equality / inequality	Left-to-right
10	And	&	bitwise AND	Left-to-right
11	Exclusive or	^	bitwise XOR	Left-to-right
12	Inclusive or		bitwise OR	Left-to-right
13	Conjunction	&&	logical AND	Left-to-right
14	Disjunction		logical OR	Left-to-right
15	Assignment-level expressions	= *= /= %= += -=	assignment / compound assignment	Right-to-left
		>>= <<= &= ^= =		
16	Sequencing	?:	conditional operator	Left-to-right
		,	comma separator	

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```

- Postfix operators first copy the value of the object, then perform the arithmetic on the object, yet returning the copy from before the increment or decrement.

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Postfix

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- Dynamic memory would not be cleaned up after execution leaves the function body and is still "available" for manipulation.

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21 }
```

- Dynamic memories would be available up until they are deleted. They are accessible from anywhere in the code where the address is known.

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```

- Deleting a pointer releases the memory cell the pointer value was pointing to; however, the pointer value would still be pointing to the same *"unavailable"* memory cell. Operations on *unavailable* regions which are uninitialized is not allowed.

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- It is a common practice to assign value of **nullptr** to a deleted pointer to be able to recognize it is uninitialized, if necessary, later in the code.

```
delete bar1;
bar1 = nullptr;
```

Scope

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7      bar = &foo;
8      ::foo = foo + ++(*bar);
9  }
10 void fun2() {
11     bar1 = new int;
12     *bar1 = foo--;
13 }
14 free(): invalid pointer
15 Aborted (core dumped)
16
17 ++(*bar1);
18 delete bar1;
19 delete bar;
20 return 0;
21 }
```

- Deleting a pointers which are not pointing to dynamic memory regions results in runtime error.

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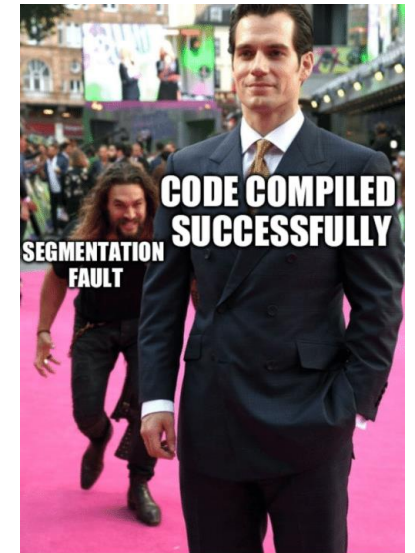
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It happens every time...

Pointers' Basics Summary

- More on pointers in future!

```
SomeDatatype *PtrName1 = &VariableName;  
SomeDatatype *PtrName2 = new SomeDatatype;  
SomeDatatype *PtrName3 = new SomeDatatype[SIZE];
```

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VariableName

SomeValue
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*PtrName1

*PtrName2

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SIZE

```
delete[] PtrName3;  
delete PtrName2;  
PtrName2 = PtrName3 = nullptr;  
delete PtrName1; // CRASHES!
```

- Pointers could point to an array of objects in dynamic memory.
- References could be used on any memory cells (static, automatic, and dynamic) to retrieve the address of the cell – the type is a pointer of the same datatype the memory cell holds.

Exercises !



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- Write a program for swapping two arrays “A & B” with different lengths. B will be always the smallest array.
`int * Swap (int a_size,int *a,int b_size,int *b).`
- Write a program to read 10 integers into an array from user and print them in reversing order using pointers.
- Write a program to SWAP two pointers. Hint: use pointer to pointer as a function argument.

struct

- **struct** is a type consisting of a sequence of *members* whose storage is allocated in an **ordered sequence**.

```
struct helloworld_struct
{
    DataType1 Value1;
    DataType2 Value2;
    DataType3 Value3;
};
```

```
struct helloworld_struct HW_stu;
```

```
HW_stu.
```

Value1	DataType1 helloworl...
Value2	
Value3	

```
struct helloworld_struct *HW_stu_ptr = new struct helloworld_struct;
HW_stu_ptr->
```

Value1	DataType1 helloworl...
Value2	
Value3	

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Value1

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Value2

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Value3

- **struct** when defined is considered a *compound datatype* and like other datatypes, **struct** could be allocated in *static, automatic* or *dynamic* memory.
- In case **struct** is defined in static or automatic memory, its *members* could be accessed using dot '.' access operator.
- In order to access *members* of **struct** declared in dynamic memory '->' access operator is used.

struct

```
typedef struct struct_c{
    void fun();
}C;

typedef struct
{
    void fun() {
        std::cout << "This is D!" << std::endl;
    }
}D;
```

```
void struct_c::fun() {
    std::cout << "This is C!" << std::endl;
}
```

```
C c;
D *d = new D;
c.fun();
d->fun();
```

```
struct struct_a {
    char a;
    char b;
    char c;
    char d = 5;
};
```

```
typedef struct_a A;
struct struct_b {
    int a = 0;
};
//typedef struct_b B;
void struct_b();
```

```
//struct_b b;
A a;
struct struct_b b;
struct_a a2;

//AA aaa;
```

```
struct struct_aa
{
    char a;
    char b;
    char c;
    char d = 50;
}AA,BB,CC;
```

```
f0(a);
f0(reinterpret_cast<A*>(&b));
```

```
struct struct_a
void f0(struct_a a) {
    std::cout << a.a << "
}

void f0(struct_a *a) {
    std::cout << a->a << "
}
```

Exercises !



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- Write a program to add two complex numbers by passing two structure to a function and display the results.
- Write a program to store information (name, id and grade) for 10 students in array of structures using pointers and another function to print all the structures using pointers.

union

- **union** is a type consisting of a sequence of *members* whose storage **overlaps**.

```
union helloworld_union
{
    DataType1 Value1;
    DataType2 Value2;
    DataType3 Value3;
};
```

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Value1/2/3

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- At most, only one of the *members* could be accessed/stored at any one time.
- Size of **union** is equal to the size of its biggest member, while size of **struct** is at least sum of all its member.
- A pointer to **union** could be *cast* to the datatype of any of its members, in oppose to a pointer of **struct** which could only be *cast* to its first member.

- Similar to **structs**, **unions** are also considered a *compound* datatype upon definition and like other datatypes, they could be allocated in *static*, *automatic* or *dynamic* memory.
- Access operators are the same for **union** -- '.' access operator for objects in *static* and *automatic* memory, and '->' for objects stored in *dynamic* memory.

union

- **unions** are identical to **structs** syntax wise; the only difference is the *storage* for union is *overlapping*!

```
#include <iostream>
union uni {
    int a;
    char c[4];
};
int main() {
    std::cout << sizeof(union uni) << std::endl;
    uni a;
    a.a = -300;
    std::cout << "This is a: " << a.a << std::endl;
    std::cout << "These are: ";
    for (size_t i = 0; i < 4; i++) {
        std::cout << "c[" << i << "]= " << static_cast<int>(a.c[i]) << " ";
    }
    std::cout << std::endl;
    return 0;
};
```

Exercises !



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- Create Union type called `family_name` it shall have two members `first_name` and `last_name`. The two members are array of characters with same size 30. Try to write string in the first member `first_name` then print the second member `last_name` plus print the size of the union.

enum

- [Enumeration](#) is a type whose value is restricted to a range of values i.e. named constants called *enumerators*.

```
enum WeekDays {  
    Sat, Sun, Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri  
};  
  
WeekDays today = WeekDays::Tue;
```

- The actual value of the named constants or *enumerators* are of an integral type.

- Enumeration is a datatype and variables of its type could be used and allocated similar to other datatypes.
- Enumeration values are accessed using `::`.

```
void celebrateTuesdays(WeekDays day) {  
    switch (day)  
    {  
        case WeekDays::Tue: {  
            partyHard();  
            break;  
        }  
        default: {  
            std::cout <<  
                "It is not the time yet!"  
            << std::endl;  
            break;  
        }  
    }  
};
```

```
WeekDays *day = new WeekDays;  
*day = WeekDays::Tue;
```

```
enum Mode {INT, DBL};  
enum Type {A, B};  
  
typedef struct _a{  
    Mode mode;  
};
```

```
void PrintA(stuA *a);  
void PrintB(stuB *b);  
void print(void *_p, Type _t) {  
    if (_t == Type::A) {  
        PrintA(reinterpret_cast<stuA*>(_p));  
    } else if (_t == Type::B) {  
        PrintB(reinterpret_cast<stuB*>(_p));  
    }  
}
```

Exercises !



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- Create enum type called `fan_level` it shall have three values `Level1`, `Level2` and `Level3`. This enum shall be used to control the level of the fan.

Assignment 1



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- Write a program that removes the repeated number of an input sorted array and return a new array without the repeated numbers. The function shall return error if the size of the input array is ZERO. The function takes four inputs:
 - a. Old array.
 - b. Old array size.
 - c. New array (empty array).
 - d. The size of the new array after fill it in the function.

```
int removeDuplicates(int arr_old[], int n_old, int arr_new[], int *n_new)
```

Example:

```
arr1 = {1,2,3,3,3,4,4,5,5,5} arr2 = {1,2,3,4,5}
```

Assignment 2



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- Write a function that insert [linked list](#) node at any position. The function takes the data of the node and the node position as inputs.

For example if we have a linked list contains the following data nodes: 11 3 10 50 23 5 60

If you asked the function to insert a new node has data equals to 15 at position 3 the linked list should be: 11 3 10 15 50 23 5 60