

SC1003 Review Lecture Week 8





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Course Information on C Programming



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- Learning Activities/Schedules are available in NTULearn
- E-Learning course – lecture videos
- Review Lectures
 - 1 lecture hour/week (start from **week 8**)
- Lab-Tutorials
 - 1 lab hour + 1 tutorial hour/week (start from **week 8**)





Course Assessment

- Continuous Assessment
 - Weeks 1-7 (Python Programming) – 50% of the whole course on assessment
 - Weeks 8-13 (C Programming) - 50% of the whole course on assessment:
- Weeks 8-13 (for C Programming)
 - Assignment (35% / 100%)
 - MCQ Test (35% / 100%)
 - Coding Test (30% / 100%)



Learning Schedule (Week 8 – Week 13)

| Week | Week 8 4 Oct | Week 9 11 Oct | Week 10 18 Oct | Week 11 25 Oct | Week 12 1 Nov | Week 13 8 Nov | Week 14 15 Nov |
|---------------------|---|--|--|--|---|------------------|---|
| Topics | Basic C Programming and Control Flow | Functions and Pointers | Arrays | Character Strings | Structures | | |
| Review Lecture | Date: 4 Oct 2021 (Monday) Time: 9:30am-10:30am Online: MS Teams (the link for the online lecture is given at the end of the table) | Date: 11 Oct 2021 (Mon) Time: 9:30am-10:30am Online: MS Teams (see below for the link for online lecture) | Date: 18 Oct 2021 (Mon) Time: 9:30am-10:30am Online: MS Teams (see below for the link for online lecture) | Date: 25 Oct 2021 (Mon) Time: 9:30am-10:30am Online: MS Teams (see below for the link for online lecture) | Date: 1 Nov 2021 (Mon) Time: 9:30am-10:30am Online: MS Teams (see below for the link for online lecture) | | Lab Test (MCQ Test & Coding Test) Dates: 15 Nov (Mon) and 16 Nov (Tue) Details will be announced when confirmed. |
| e-Learning Lectures | Learn: Course Introduction Learn: (1) Basic C Programming; (2) Control Flow | Learn: (1) Functions and (2) Pointers | Learn: (1) 1-D Arrays and (2) 2-D Arrays | Learn: Character Strings | Learn: Structures | | |
| Lab-Tutorial | Learn: CodeBlocks IDE Do: Lab-Tutorial 1 (Qns are also available in APAS>Exercise) | Do: Lab-Tutorial 2 (Qns are also available in APAS) | Do: Lab-Tutorial 3 (Qns are also available in APAS) | Do: Lab-Tutorial 4 (Qns are also available in APAS) | Do: Lab-Tutorial 5 (Qns are also available in APAS) | | |
| Practice Questions | Learn: using APAS system Do: Coding Practice Questions (APAS>Quiz) Do: MCQ Questions (LAMS) | Do: Coding Practice Questions (APAS>Quiz) Do: MCQ Questions (LAMS) | Do: Coding Practice Questions (APAS>Quiz) Do: MCQ Questions (LAMS) | Do: Coding Practice Questions (APAS>Quiz) Do: MCQ Questions (LAMS) | Do: Coding Practice Questions (APAS>Quiz) Do: MCQ Questions (LAMS) | | |
| Assignment | Learn: (1) Assignment Submission and Grading process; (2) Review Request Form (Procedure) | | Assignment paper – Available in APAS | | | Assignment due | |





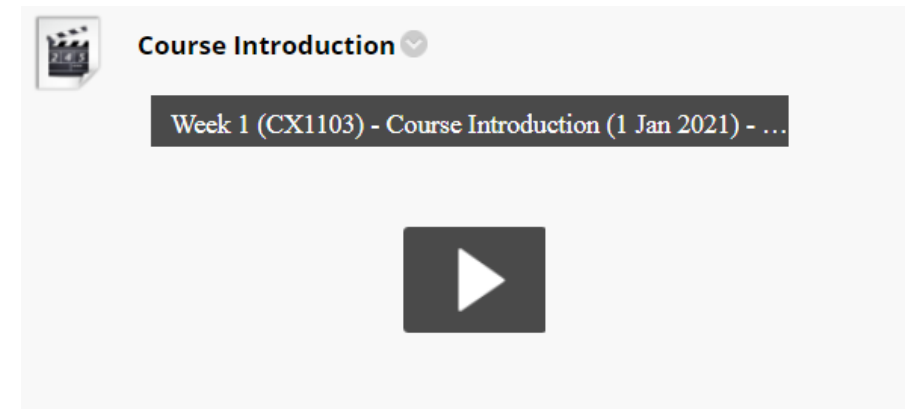
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Lecture Video – Course Introduction

- **Watch Lecture Video** - Course Introduction on C Programming
(NTULearn: C Programming > E-Learning Lectures > Course Introduction)
 - Topics for C Programming
 - Course Materials
 - Learning Schedules
 - Course Assessment
 - Integrated Development Environment (IDE) – Code::Blocks
 - Textbook for C Programming



Lecture Video – Basic C Programming and Control Flow


- Watch Lecture Video - Basic C Programming and Control Flow
(NTULearn: C Programming > E-Learning Lectures > Week 8)



1 - Basic C Programming - Lecture ▾

1 - Basic C Programming - Lecture (29:14)

1
Basic C Programming



2 - Control Flow - Lecture ▾

2 - Control Flow - Lecture (36:01)

2
Control Flow

Week 8 - Lab

- Lab 1 – Basic C Programming & Control Flow

(NTULearn: C Programming > Lab-Tutorials > Lab-Tutorial 1)

Lab 1 – Basic C Programming and Control Flow

Lab session – One hour is allocated for this lab session. There are 4 questions. The first two questions are lab questions. The last two questions are practice questions for you to try if you have extra time in the lab.

Note: You do not need to submit your code for this lab.

Lab Questions

1. Write a C program that prints the ID and grade of each student in a class. The input contains the student IDs and their marks. The range of the marks is from 0 to 100. The relationships of the marks and grades are given below:

| <u>Grade</u> | <u>Mark</u> |
|--------------|-------------|
| A | 100-75 |
| B | 74-63 |

Lab Coding Questions in APAS:

1. computeGrade
2. printAverage
3. printPattern
4. computeSeries

Suggested solutions: Available in the same folder. You may refer to the suggested code if you have difficulty in attempting the lab questions.

Available at: APAS > Exercise (choose Topic): You may test your code with sample test cases in APAS.



Week 8 - Tutorial

- **Tutorial 1 – Basic C Programming & Control Flow**
(NTULearn: C Programming > Lab-Tutorials > Lab-Tutorial 1)

Tutorial 1 – Basic C Programming and Control Flow

Note: You need to do some reading on the textbook in order to complete this tutorial.

1. State the data type of each of the following:

| | |
|-----------|-------------------|
| a. '1' | g. 1870943465324L |
| b. 23 | h. 1.234F |
| c. 0.0 | i. -564 |
| d. '\040' | j. 0177 |
| e. 0x92 | k. 0X7F4 |
| f. '\a' | l. 0xaaBB76L |

2. (a) What will the following program output? (refer to an ASCII table)

```
/* C program to print the ASCII value of the character 'a' */
```

Suggested solutions: Will be available at the end of each week in the same folder.



Code::Blocks IDE

- **Read the document “Using Code::Blocks”** - To understand how to develop C programs under the Code::Blocks IDE (Integrated Development Environment).
(NTULearn: C Programming > Lab-Tutorials)

Using Code::Blocks


Introduction to Code::blocks for lab sessions

Code::Blocks version in lab: 16.01

Code::Blocks current version: 17.12 (Requires to do some setting for debugger)

Basic creation of new project for coding

1. Launch Code::Blocks



LAMS MCQ Questions – Basic C Programming and Control Flow

- LAMS MCQ Questions – Basic C Programming

(NTULearn: C Programming > LAMS MCQ Questions > Basic C Programming/Control Flow)

LAMS LAMS MCQ Practice Questions - Basic C Programming

Watch the lecture video and read the lecture notes before attempting the MCQ practice questions are for exercise only.

Basic C Programming

Q1

What will be the output of the program?

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    printf("%f\n", 2.5 + 1 * 7 % 2 / 4);
    return 0;
}
A. 2.500000
B. 2.750000
C. 3.375000
D. 3.000000
```

LAMS LAMS MCQ Practice Questions - Control Flow

Watch the lecture video and read the lecture notes before attempting MCQ practice questions are for exercise only.

Control Flow

Q1

What will be the output of the program?

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int k, a=1, b=2;
    k = (a++ == b) ? 2 : 3;
    printf("%d\n", k);
    return 0;
}
A. 0
B. 1
C. 2
D. 3
```

- Answers and explanations for each question are available in the same folder.



APAS - Coding Practice Questions

- Coding Practice Questions – Basic C and Control Flow**

(also available at APAS: Quiz > Basic C Programming and Control Flow)

- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. temperature | 11. computeCarPrice |
| 2. powerLoss | 12. printMultiTable |
| 3. cylinder | 13. computeTotal |
| 4. speed | 14. printPattern2 |
| 5. distance | 15. printPattern3 |
| 6. linearSystem | |
| 7. countChars | |
| 8. classifyChar | |
| 9. computeNetPay | |
| 10. computeSalaryGrade | |

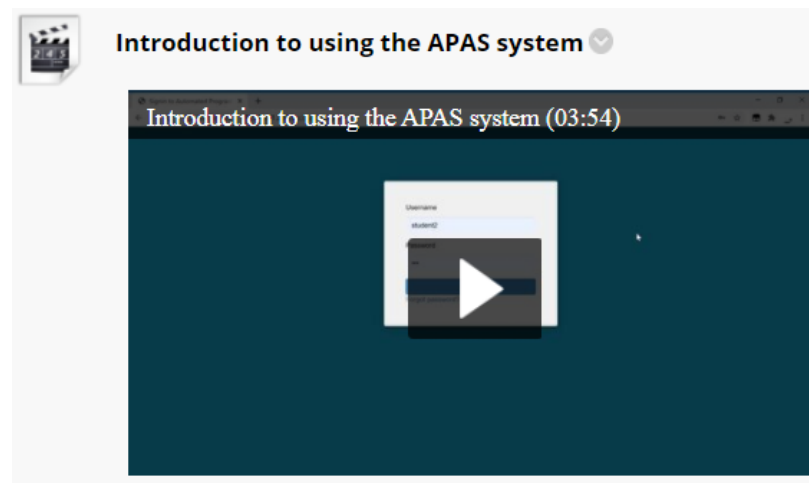
Suggested solution can be found at (VPN is needed when accessing from outside NTU):

[<http://172.21.147.174/ >](http://172.21.147.174/)
[<NTUQA](http://172.21.147.174/)



APAS (Assignment Submission and Grading System)

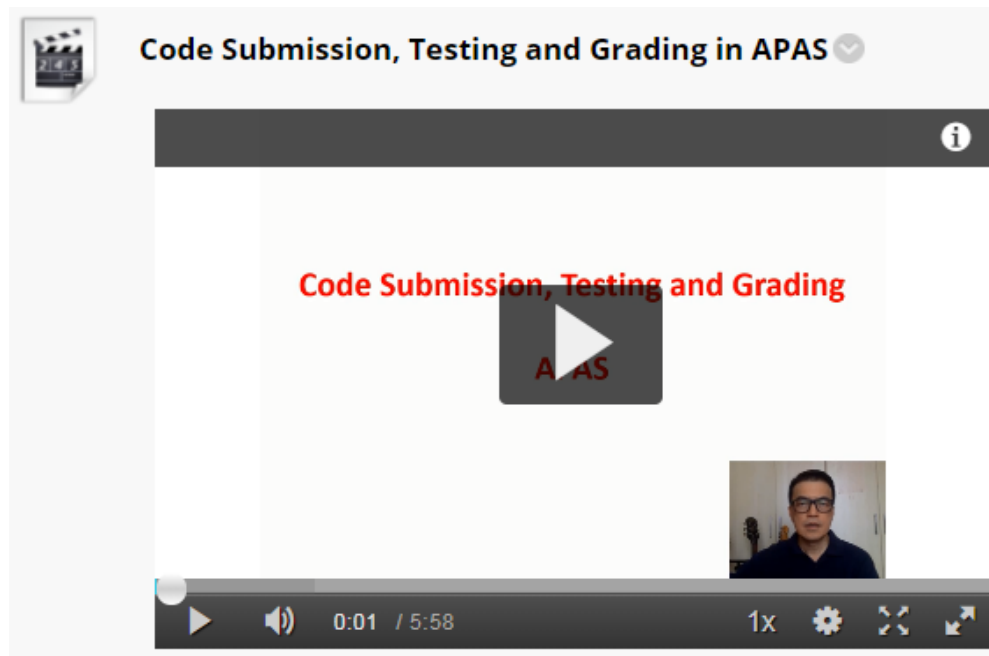
- **Watch Video** – Introduction to using the APAS system
(NTULearn: C Programming > Using APAS)



- **Read (doc)** – Introduction to using the APAS system
(NTULearn: C Programming > Using APAS)

APAS – Code Submission, Testing and Grading

- Watch Video – Code Submission, Testing and Grading in APAS (NTULearn: C Programming > Course Introduction)



- Also refer to the slides on code submission and grading for APAS in the **Appendix**.



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Python vs C: Programming Languages

| | Python | C |
|-------------|--|--|
| Definition | Python programs are saved by .py extension. | C programs are saved with .c extension. |
| | An object-oriented programming model is basically followed by Python. | An imperative (or procedural) programming model is basically followed by C. |
| Type | Python is dynamically typed. | C is statically typed. |
| Compilation | Python is an interpreted language. | C is a compiled language. |
| | Python is firstly compiled to a byte-code and then it is interpreted by a large C program. | C is compiled directly to machine code which is executed directly by the CPU. |



Python vs C: Advantages of Python

| | Python | C |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Error Debugging | In Python, testing and debugging are directly not harder than in C. | In C language testing and debugging is harder. |
| Complexity | It is easy to learn, write and read Python programs than C. | Syntax of C is harder than python because of which programmers prefer to use python instead of C. |
| Built-in Functions | It is easy to implement data structures in Python with built-in insert, append functions. | Implementation of data structures requires its functions to be explicitly implemented. |
| Data Structures | Python has some complex data structures such as List, Dictionary, etc. | C does not have complex data structures. |
| Memory-Management | Python uses an automatic garbage collector for memory management. | In C, the Programmer has to do memory management on their own. |





Python vs C: Advantages of C

| | Python | C |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Speed | Python programming language is slow. | C language is fast . |
| Pointers | No pointers functionality is available in Python. | Pointers are available in C language. |
| Applications | Python is a General-Purpose programming language. | C is generally used for hardware related applications. |

Python vs C: Basic Syntax

| | Python | C |
|--|--|--|
| Case-sensitivity | Python is case-sensitive . Y is not the same as y. | C is also case-sensitive . Y is not the same as y. |
| Where does execution start? | Executes the code in order from beginning to end of the file. <code>main()</code> is optional, and has no special meaning in Python. | Executes the body of <code>main()</code> and anything that <code>main()</code> calls. That means that C starts in the file in the project containing <code>main()</code> , but <code>main()</code> can call functions from other files. |
| Comments | From # to the end of the line | Begin with <code>/*</code> and end with <code>*/</code> , may span multiple lines. Many C compilers allow single-line comments that begin with <code>//</code> |
| Semicolons at the end of simple statements | Allowed, but only needed between two statements on the same line. | Required, as in <code>x = f(a, b);</code> It is mandatory to mark the end of every statement with a semicolon in C. |
| Indentation and line breaks | essential to the syntax of the language | Ignored by the compiler. It's still a good idea to have good, consistent indentation. |



Python vs C: Variables and Types

| | Python | C |
|--|---|---|
| Using code from other files | import module or from module import * | #include <stdio.h> or #include "myHeader.h" |
| Variable types | Variables are untyped; a given variable (label) can be stuck on values of different types at different times during the execution of a program. | The type of a variable must be declared when it is created, and only values of that type can be assigned to it. In C, we may not write <code>x = 5.6;</code> unless <code>x</code> has been previously declared: <code>double x;</code> ... <code>x = 5.6; /* legal */</code> <code>x = "String value"; /* This is illegal in C; types don't match */</code> |
| Variable declaration with assignment. | Python has no declarations | <code>int n = 5;</code> All variable definitions inside a function definition must occur at the beginning of a block of code, before any other statements. |



Python vs C: Operators and I/O

| | Python | C |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Simultaneous assignment | <code>x, y = 3, x-y</code> | Not allowed in C |
| chained assignments | <code>x = y = 0</code> | <code>x = y = 0;</code> |
| Assignment with operators | <code>x += 2</code> | <code>x += 2;</code> |
| Increment operator | Not available in Python. | <code>x++; ++x;</code> |
| Exponentiation operator | <code>x**3</code> | No exponentiation operator in C: instead, use <code>pow(x,3)</code> defined in <code><math.h></code> |
| Reading numbers as input | <code>m,n = input("Enter 2 numbers: ").split() print("sum = ", int(m)+int(n))</code> | <code>int m, n; printf("Enter 2 numbers: "); scanf("%d %d", &m, &n); printf("sum = %d\n", m+n);</code> If you don't use the & (address-of) operator, for each variable, it will not work. |



Python vs C: Boolean Conditions

| | Python | C |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|
| Boolean values | False True | 0 1 Actually, in C, any non-zero value is considered to be a true value, and zero false. There is no special Boolean type in C. |
| Relational operators | > < == != >= <= | > < == != >= <= |
| Logical operators | and or not | && ! The meanings are essentially the same, but the notation is different. We say "essentially" because the C operators produce integer values instead of special True and False values. |



Python vs C: if Statements

| | Python | C |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| basic if syntax | if <condition>: <one or more indented statements> | if (<condition>) <statement> Parentheses required. <statement> may be a single statement or a block of statements surrounded by { ... }. |
| if with else | if <condition>: <one or more indented statements> else: <one or more indented statements> | if (<condition>) <statement> else <statement> |
| if with multiple cases | if <condition>: <one or more indented statements> elif <condition>: <one or more indented statements> else: <one or more indented statements> | if (<condition>) <statement> else if (<condition>) <statement> else <statement> C has no special syntax that is similar to Python's elif . |



Python vs C: switch Statement

| | Python | C |
|--|--|---|
| switch statement Test a simple expression (for example, an integer), and choose which block of code to execute based on its value. If none of the specific cases match, execute the default code. If no default code and no cases match, do nothing. | Python has nothing that is like C's switch statement. | <pre>switch (<expression>) { case <constant1> : <statement1> break; case <constant2> : <statement2> break; ... default: <statement> }</pre> <p>If there are multiple statements for a given case, no curly braces are needed.</p> <p>Don't forget the <code>break;</code> at the end of each case (except the last)</p> |



Python vs C: for Loop

| | Python | C |
|--|---|--|
| for loop standard form | <pre>sum = 0 for i in range(5): sum += i print(i, sum)</pre> | <pre>int i, sum=0; for (i=0; i<5; i++) { sum += i; printf("%d %d\n", i, sum); }</pre> |
| More details of for loop syntax | <pre>for <variable> in <list:>: <one or more indented statements></pre> | <p>for (<initialize>; <test>; <update>) <statement></p> <p>initialize: usually gives initial value to loop variable(s) test: If the value of the test is true, the loop continues. update: After each execution of the loop body, this code is executed, and the test is run again. <statement> may be a single statement or a block of statements surrounded by { ... }</p> |
| A block of statements to be executed sequentially | indicated by indentation level | surrounded by { ... } In C, a block can be used anywhere a single statement can be used. |



Python vs C: while Loop

| | Python | C |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| do-nothing statement | pass | ; In C, a single semicolon with nothing in front of it, indicates an empty statement. Just like Python's pass , used where the syntax requires a statement, but there is nothing to do there. |
| while loop syntax | while <condition>: <one or more indented statements> | while (<condition>) <statement> <statement> may be a single statement or a block of statements surrounded by { ... }. |
| break statement | break | break; Immediately end the execution of the current loop. |
| continue statement | continue | continue; Immediately end the execution of this time through the current loop, then continue the loop's next execution. |





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Example 1 – boysGirls

Write a program that asks the user for the number of boys and that of girls in a class. The program should calculate and display the percentage of boys and girls in the class. A sample run is as follows:

Program Input and Output:

Enter the number of boys: 65

Enter the number of girls: 77

Boys: 45.77%

Girls: 54.23%

Example 1 – Suggested Code

Python Code:

```
boy = 0
girl = 0
total = 0
percent_boy = 0.0
percent_girl = 0.0
# Get the number of boys.
boy = int(input("Enter the number of boys: "))
# Get the number of girls.
girl = int(input("Enter the number of girls: "))
# Calculate the total number of students.
total = boy + girl
# Calculate the percentage of boys.
percent_boy = boy / total
# Calculate the percentage of girls.
percent_girl = girl / total
# Print the percentage of boys.
print("Boys:", "{:.2%}".format(percent_boy))
# Print the percentage of girls.
print("Girls:", "{:.2%}".format(percent_girl))
```

C Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int boy, girl, total;
    double percent_boy=0.0, percent_girl=0.0;

    printf("Enter the number of boys: ");
    scanf("%d", &boy);
    printf("Enter the number of girls: ");
    scanf("%d", &girl);

    total = boy + girl;
    percent_boy = ((float)boy/total)*100;
    percent_girl = ((float)girl/total)*100;

    printf("Boys: %.2f\n",percent_boy);
    printf("Girls: %.2f\n",percent_girl);
    return 0;
}
```



Example 2 – FizzBuzz

Write a simple Python program to implement the FizzBuzz problem.

The Problem statement:

- Write a code that prints each number from 1 to 20 on a new line.
- Print “Fizz” if the number is the multiple of 3.
- Print “Buzz” if the number is multiple of 5
- For number which is multiple of both 3 and 5 print “FizzBuzz”

Program Output:

```
1
2
Fizz
4
Buzz
Fizz
7
8
Fizz
Buzz
11
Fizz
13
14
FizzBuzz
16
17
Fizz
19
Buzz
```



Example 2 – Suggested Code

Python Code:

```
for num in range(1, 21):
    if num % 15 == 0:
        print("FizzBuzz")
    elif num % 3 == 0:
        print("Fizz")
    elif num % 5 == 0:
        print("Buzz")
    else:
        print(num)
```

C Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int num;

    for (num=1; num<=20; num++)
        if (num % 15 == 0)
            printf("FizzBuzz\n");
        else if (num % 3 == 0)
            printf("Fizz\n");
        else if (num % 5 == 0)
            printf("Buzz\n");
        else
            printf("%d\n", num);

    return 0;
}
```



Example 3 – printOutput

Python Code:

```
value = 6
if value % 2 == 0:
    print("first", value)
elif value % 3 == 0:
    print("second", value)

while value <= 9:
    value = value + 1
    if value == 8:
        continue
    else:
        pass
    print("third", value)
else:
    print("fourth", value)

print("fifth", value)
```

C Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main() {
    int value;
    value = 6;
    if (value % 2 == 0)
        printf("first %d\n", value);
    else if (value % 3 == 0)
        printf("second %d\n", value);
    while (value <= 9) {
        value = value + 1;
        if (value == 8)
            continue;
        else
            ;
        printf("third %d\n", value);
    }
    printf("fourth %d\n", value);
    printf("fifth %d\n", value);
    return 0;
}
```

Program Output:

```
first 6
third 7
third 9
third 10
fourth 10
fifth 10
```





Program Debugging

Program Debugging Techniques:

- **Program Tracing** – add `print()/printf()` statements to the program and prints the internal states of the variables in order to trace the program.
- **Program Debugger** – **Code::Blocks** has program debugger, and you may try to use it for debugging the program. You will learn more about program debugger in the course on Data Structures.



Example 4 – printPattern

Write a Python program that reads an integer from the user, which is the width of the pattern below, and then prints out the pattern.

Program Input and Output:

```
Please enter pattern width: 5
```

```
*  
**  
***  
****  
*****  
****  
***  
**  
*
```

Example 4 – Suggested Code

Python Code:

```
width = int(input("Please enter pattern width: "))

for i in range(width+1):
    #print(i, sep=' ')
    for j in range(i):
        print("*",end="")
    print()
for i in range(width-1,0, -1):
    #print(i, sep=' ')
    for j in range(i):
        print("*",end="")
    print()
```

C Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main()
{
    int i, j, width;

    printf("Please enter pattern width: ");
    scanf("%d", &width);

    for (i = 0; i < width+1; i++) {
        for (j = 0; j < i; j++)
            printf("*");
        printf("\n");
    }
    for (i = width-1; i > 0; i--) {
        for (j = 0; j < i; j++)
            printf("*");
        printf("\n");
    }
    return 0;
}
```



Example 5 – studentGrade

Write a C program that prints the ID and grade of each student in a class. The input contains the student IDs and their marks. The range of the marks is from 0 to 100. Use the sentinel value -1 for student ID to indicate the end of user input. The relationships of the marks and grades are given below:

| mark | Grade |
|----------------------------|-------|
| $80 \leq \text{mark}$ | A |
| $70 \leq \text{mark} < 80$ | B |
| $60 \leq \text{mark} < 70$ | C |
| $50 \leq \text{mark} < 60$ | D |
| $40 \leq \text{mark} < 50$ | E |
| $\text{mark} < 40$ | F |

Program Input and Output

```
Enter StudentID: 11
Enter Mark: 56
Grade = D
Enter StudentID: 21
Enter Mark: 89
Grade = A
Enter StudentID: 31
Enter Mark: 34
Grade = F
Enter StudentID: -1
Program terminating ...
```



Example 5 – Suggested Code

Python Code:

```
studentID = int(input("Enter StudentID: "))
while studentID != -1:
    mark = int(input("Enter Mark: "))
    if mark >= 80:
        grade = 'A'
    elif mark >= 70:
        grade = 'B'
    elif mark >= 60:
        grade = 'C'
    elif mark >= 50:
        grade = 'D'
    elif mark >= 40:
        grade = 'E'
    else:
        grade = 'F'
    print("Grade = ", grade)
    studentID = int(input("Enter StudentID: "))
```

C Code:

```
#include <stdio.h>
int main() {
    int studentNumber = 0, mark;
    char grade;
    printf("Enter StudentID: ");
    scanf("%d", &studentNumber);
    while (studentNumber != -1) {
        printf("Enter Mark: ");
        scanf("%d", &mark);
        if (mark >= 80)    grade = 'A';
        else if (mark >= 70)    grade = 'B';
        else if (mark >= 60)    grade = 'C';
        else if (mark >= 50)    grade = 'D';
        else if (mark >= 40)    grade = 'E';
        else grade = 'F';
        printf("Grade = %c\n", grade);
        printf("Enter StudentID: ");
        scanf("%d", &studentNumber);
    }
    return 0;
}
```



Example 5 – Suggested Code with switch

```
...  
while (studentNumber != -1) {  
    printf("Enter Mark: ");  
    scanf("%d", &mark);  
    switch ( mark/ 10 ) {  
        case 10: case 9: case 8:  
            grade = 'A';  
            break;  
        case 7:  
            grade = 'B';  
            break;  
        case 6:  
            grade = 'C';  
            break;  
        case 5:  
            grade = 'D';  
            break;  
        case 4:  
            grade = 'E';  
            break;  
        default: grade = 'F';  
    }  
}
```

C code using switch

Using integer division (gives integer result in C):

85/10 -> 8 64/10 -> 6

87/10 -> 8 68/10 -> 6

74/10 -> 7 34/10 -> 3

...

Division by 10 forms 11 categories from marks:

0, 1, 2, 3, ... 10





Appendix

APAS Programming Submission and Grading System





APAS - Login

- APAS: <http://172.21.146.80/>
- An online Automatic Programming Assessment System (**APAS**) will be used for this course for Exercise, Quiz (Practice), Assignment and Test.
- Please use Chrome or Firefox for accessing APAS.
- Log in with your network account in uppercase:
 - For example, your email is sd0001@e.ntu.edu.sg
 - Your username for APAS will be: **SD0001** (UPPERCASE)
 - Password: **SC1003** (Change your password after 1st login)
- If you want to access APAS from outside of NTU, you will need vpn (e.g. use Pulse Secure) for accessing it.
- After logging into the system, you may select the Exercise, Quiz, Assignment or Test for program editing, submission and grading.





APAS - Program Testing

After creating the program, you may test the program with the following three options:

1. **“Try Compilation”** – It compiles your program and detect compilation errors.
2. **“Test with Sample Inputs”** - The question requirements will provide you with sample input/output data sessions. The “Test with Sample Inputs” option (or **pretest**) will allow you to test your program with the sample input/output cases. It will inform you which sample test cases have failed.
3. **“Run Input”** - You can enter **ALL the program input** in the **Program Input** box, and click the option, then **ALL the output** will be displayed on the **Program Output** box. From there, you may inspect whether your program follows the printout data given in the sample input/output sessions in the question requirements.



APAS - Automated Program Grading

- The answer code can be submitted to APAS and marked automatically. The grading is achieved through the checking of input/output data from **test cases**.
- The grading is carried out based on program input/output data of test cases with the “**exact string matching**” technique.
- Please note that the **sample test cases** (used in **pretest**) are only used for **testing only**. No scores will be assigned to the correctness of running sample test cases.
- We use “**hidden**” **test cases** for the grading of your program as this is to ensure that your program code will not be hard-coded to achieve the desired output results.
- Note that the final score is computed according to the correctness of the programs based on “**hidden**” test cases, **NOT sample test cases**.





APAS - Notes on Coding

1. Do not change the **main()** function in the program template.
2. Each assignment question will provide you with the problem specification, program template and sample input/output printout sessions. These are the problem requirements. **You should follow exactly the problem requirements to build your programming code for the question.**
3. Therefore, it is extremely important to pay special attention to the **program input and output data format** (including letter cases) when you write your programs (a simple mistake on letter case will cause your program to be marked as incorrect in APAS) as we use **exact string matching** technique for checking the correctness of the program.
4. As such, you have to follow exactly the printout format shown in the sample input/output sessions when writing your programs.





APAS - Notes on Coding

- Compilers in APAS and Code::Blocks are different, so note that:
 - No inline declaration in C (i.e. declare all variables at the beginning of the function code).
 - Initialize local variables before use if the initial values are needed for computation.
- **“TIMEOUT”** error message – it occurs when the program waits for user input and no input has occurred. Therefore, you need to check whether you have provided all the input data when running the program.
- Also note that there is **NO need to do user input error checking** in your program unless it is explicitly stated in the question requirement.



Thank you !!!

