CS 33

Introduction to C
Part 2

Function Definitions

```
int fact(int i) {
  int k;
  int res;
  for (res=1, k=1; k<=i; k++)
    res = res * k;
  return res;
int main() {
  printf("%f\n", fact(5));
  return 0;
```

main

- is just another function
- starts the program

All functions

have a return type

Compiling It

```
$ gcc -o fact fact.c
$ ./fact
120
```

Function Definitions

```
int main() {
  printf("%f\n", fact(5));
  return 0;
float fact(int i) {
  int k;
  float res;
  for (res=1, k=1; k<=i; k++)
    res = res * k;
  return res;
```

Function Definitions

```
$ gcc -o fact fact.c
main.c:27: warning: type mismatch with previous implicit
declaration
main.c:23: warning: previous implicit declaration of
'fact'
main.c:27: warning: 'fact' was previously implicitly
declared to return 'int'
```

```
$ ./fact
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```

Function Declarations

```
float fact(int i);
 int main() {
   printf("%f\n", fact(5)); Declares the function
   return 0;
 float fact(int i) {
   int k;
   float res;
   for (res=0, k=1; k<=i; k++)
     res = res * k;
   return res:
$ ./fact
```

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Methods



- C has functions
- Java has methods
 - methods implicitly refer to objects
 - C doesn't have objects
- Don't use the "M" word
 - TAs will laugh at you

Function Declarations

fact.h

fact.c

float fact(int i);

```
#include "fact.h"
int main() {
  printf("%f\n", fact(5));
  return 0;
float fact(int i) {
  int k; float res;
  for (res=1, k=1; k<=i; k++)
    res = res * k;
  return res;
```

The Preprocessor

```
#include
```

- calls the preprocessor to include a file
 What do you include?
- your own header file:

```
#include "fact.h"
```

- look in the current directory
- · standard header file:

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

Contains declaration of printf (and other things)

-look in a standard place

#define

```
#define SIZE 100
int main() {
   int i;
   int a[SIZE];
}
```

#define

- defines a substitution
- applied to the program by the preprocessor

#define

```
#define forever for(;;)
int main() {
   int i;
   forever {
     printf("hello world\n");
   }
}
```

assert

```
#include <assert.h>
float fact(int i) {
  int k; float res;
  assert(i >= 0);
  for(res=1, k=1; k<=i; k++)
    res = res * k;
  return res;
}
int main() {
  printf("%f\n", fact(-1));</pre>
```

assert

- verify that the assertion holds
- abort if not

```
$ ./fact
main.c:4: failed assertion 'i >= 0'
Abort
```

Parameter passing

Passing arrays to a function

```
int average(int a[], int s) {
   int i; int sum;
   for(i=0, sum=0; i<s; i++)
     sum += a[i];
   return sum/s;
int main() {
   int a[100];
   printf("%d\n", average(a, 100));
```

- Note that I need to pass the size of the array
- This array has no idea how big it is

Swapping

Write a function to swap two entries of an array

```
void swap(int a[], int i, int j) {
   int tmp;
   tmp = a[j];
   a[j] = a[i];
   a[i] = tmp;
}
```

Selection Sort

```
void selectsort(int array[], int length) {
  int i, j, min;
  for (i = 0; i < length; ++i) {</pre>
    /* find the index of the smallest item from i onward */
    min = i:
    for (j = i; j < length; ++j)
      if (array[j] < array[min])</pre>
        min = j;
    /* swap the smallest item with the i-th item */
    swap(array, i, min);
  /* at the end of each iteration, the first i slots have the i
     smallest items */
```

Swapping

Write a function to swap two ints

Swapping

Write a function to swap two ints

```
void swap(int i, int j) {
  int tmp;
  tmp = j; j = i; i = tmp;
}
int main() {
  int a = 4;
  int b = 8;
  swap(a, b);
  printf("a:%d b:%d", a, b);
}
```

Why "pass by value"?

- Fortran, for example, passes parameters "by reference"
- Early implementations had the following problem (shown with C syntax):

```
int main() {
    function(2);
    printf("%d\n", 2);
}
void function(int x) {
    x = 3;
}
```

```
$ ./a.out
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```

Memory addresses

- In C
 - you can get the memory address of any variable
 - just use the magical operator &

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```
int main() {
   int a = 4;
   printf("%u\n", &a);
}
```

```
$ ./a.out
3221224352
```

Memory

- What is a C pointer?
 - a variable that holds an address
- Pointers in C are "typed" (remember the promises)
 - pointer to an int
 - pointer to a char
 - pointer to a float
 - pointer to <whatever you can define>
- C has a syntax to declare pointer types
 - things start to get complicated …

p is a pointer to an int

if you follow p, you find an int

```
int main () {
   int *p;
   int a = 4;
   p = &a;
      p takes the address of a
   printf("%u\n", p);
}
```

```
$ ./a.out
3221224352
```

```
int main() {
   int *p;
   int a = 4;
   p = &a;
   printf("%u\n" ,p);
}
```

```
$ ./a.out 3221224352
```

Can you guess what &p is?

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- Pointers are typed
 - the type of the objects they point to is known
 - there is one exception (see later)
- Pointers are first-class citizens
 - they can be passed to functions
 - they can be stored in arrays and other data structures
 - they can be returned by functions

Swapping

What does this do?

```
void swap(int *i, int *j) {
   int *tmp;
   tmp = j; j = i; i = tmp;
}
int main() {
   int a = 4;
   int b = 8;
   swap(&a, &b);
   printf("a:%d b:%d\n", a, b);
}
```

- Dereferencing pointers
 - accessing/modifying the value pointed to by a pointer

```
int main() {
  int *p;
  int a = 4;
  p = &a;
  printf("%d\n", *p);
  *p = *p + 1;
  printf("%d\n", *p);
}
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```

Dereferencing C Pointers

```
int main() {
  int *p;
  int a = 4;
  p = &a;
  printf("%d\n", *p);
  *p = *p + 1;
  *p += 3;
  printf("%d\n", a);
}
```

Swapping

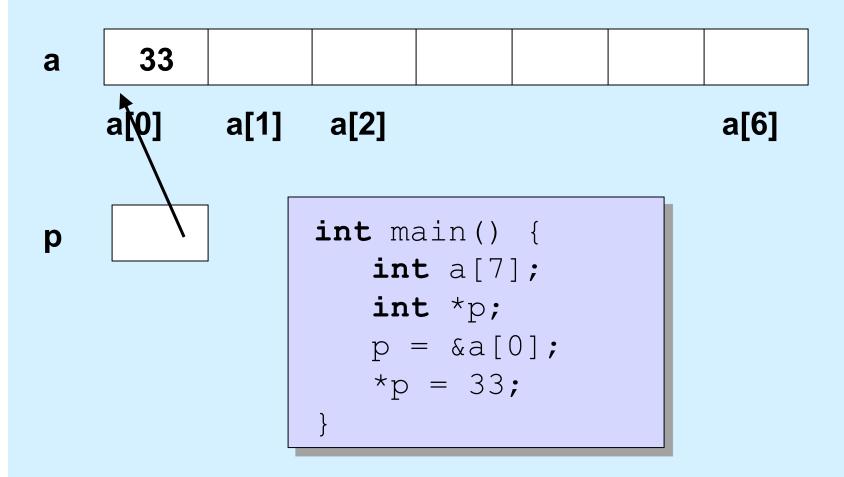
```
void swap(int *i, int *j) {
   int tmp;
   tmp = *j; *j = *i; *i = tmp;
}
int main() {
   int a = 4;
   int b = 8;
   swap(&a, &b);
   printf("a:%d b:%d\n", a, b);
}
```

Quiz 1

```
int doubleit(int *p) {
   *p = 2*(*p);
   return *p;
                                  a) 0
                                  b) 12
int main() {
                                  c) 18
   int a = 3;
                                  d) 36
   int b;
   b = doubleit(&a);
   printf("%d\n", a*b);
```

What's printed?

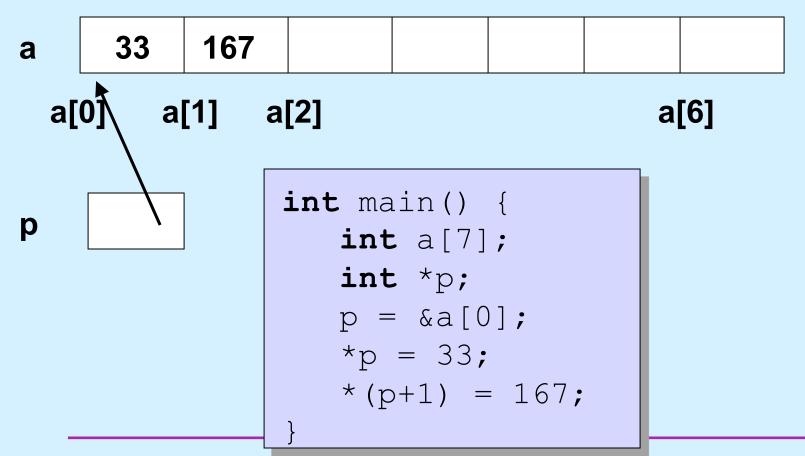
Pointers and Arrays



Pointer Arithmetic

Pointers can be incremented/decremented

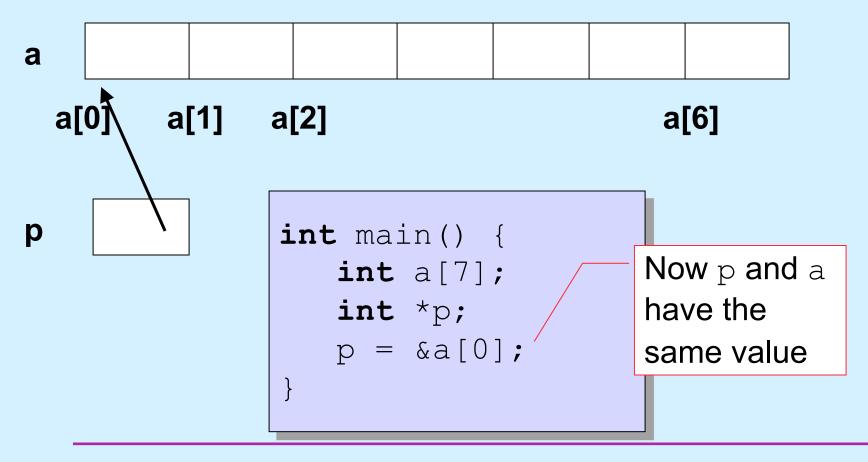
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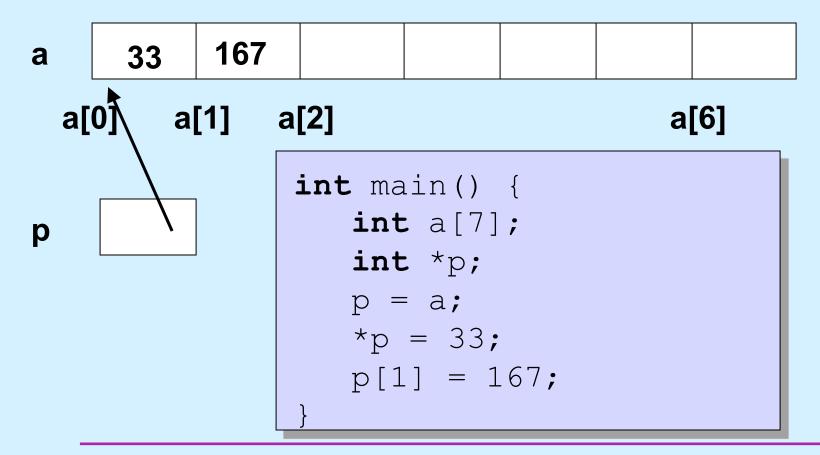
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Pointer Arithmetic

Pointers can be incremented/decremented

- what this does to the pointer depends on its type



Pointers and Arrays

$$p = &a[0];$$

can also be written as

$$p = a;$$

```
a[i];
```

really is

- This makes sense, yet is weird and confusing ...
 - p is of type int *
 - it can be assigned to

- a sort of behaves like an int *
 - but it can't be assigned to



Pointers and Arrays

- An array name represents a pointer to the first element of the array
- Just like a literal represents its associated value

```
- in: x = y + 2;
```

» "2" is a literal that represents the value 2

- can't do

$$2 = x + y;$$

Literals and Procedures

```
int proc(int x) {
    x = x + 4;
    return x * 2;
}
int main() {
    result = proc(2);
    printf("%d\n", result);
    return 0;
}
```

Arrays and Procedures

```
int proc(int (*a) int nelements) {
   // sizeof(a) == sizeof(int *)
   int i;
   for (i=0; i<nelements-1; i++)
      a[i+1] += a[i];
   return a[nelements-1];
int main() {
   int array[50] = ...;
   // sizeof(array) == 50*sizeof(int)
   printf("result = %d\n", proc(array, 50));
   return 0;
```

initialized with a copy of the argument

Equivalently ...

Quiz 2

```
int proc(int a[], int nelements) {
   int b[5] = {0, 1, 2, 3, 4};
   a = b;
   return a[1];
}
int main() {
   int array[50];
   printf("result = %d\n",
        proc(array, 50));
   return 0;
}
```

This program prints:

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) nothing: it doesn't compile because of a syntax error