# C Programming Lecture 8-1 : Function (Basic)

## What is a Function?

- A small program(subroutine) that <u>performs a particular</u>
   <u>task</u>
  - Input : parameter / argument
  - Perform what ? : function body
  - Output : return value
- Modular programming design
  - Large and complex task can be divided into smaller and simple task which is more easily solved(implemented).
  - Also called
    - structured design
    - Top-down design
    - Divide-and-Conquer

## Function Example

```
#include <stdio.h>
int f(int val);
                       // function prototype declaration
                        // int f(int); is also OK!
int main()
  int x,y;
  scanf("%d",&x);
  y = f(x);
                      // function call. x is argument.
  printf("y=%d", y);
  return 0;
int f(int val) // function definition. val is parameter.
  int k;
  k = 2*val - 3 :
  return k;
```

## **Function Definition**

### Syntax

```
return type function name (data type variable name, ...)
  local declarations; // local variables
  function statements;
  Example
int factorial (int n)
  int i,product=1;
  for (i=2; i<=n; ++i)
       product *= i;
  return product;
```

## void type

Example)

```
void print_info(void)
{
   printf("Navier-Stokes Equations Solver ");
   printf("v3.45\n");
   printf("Last Modified: ");
   printf("12/04/95 - viscous coefficient added\n");
}
```

- return type is void
- No parameter

## **Variables**

#### Global variable

- Declared outside function block
- Accessible everywhere
- Global variable is destroyed only when a program is terminated.

#### Local variable (automatic variable ?)

- Declared inside function body
- Accessible only in the function
- Local variable is created when a function is called and is destroyed when a function returns.
- Static variable (declared in a function)
  - (Usually) accessible in the function
  - Static variable persists until the program is terminated

```
// example
#include <stdio.h>
int x = 1; // global variable
int main()
  int x = 5; // local variable to main
  printf("local x in main's outer block is d^x, x);
  { // start new block
    int x = 7:
    printf("local x in main's inner block is %d\n",x);
  } // end new block
```

```
printf("local x in main's outer block is d^n, x;
   useLocalScope();
   useStaticLocalScope();
   useGlobalScope();
   useLocalScope();
   useStaticLocalScope();
   useGlobalScope();
   printf("\nlocal x in main's outer block is %d\n'',x);
   return 0;
} // end main
```

```
// useLocalScope( void )
{
   int x = 25;     // initialized each time this function is called.

   printf("local x is %d on entering useLocalScope()\n",x);
     ++x;
     printf("local x is %d on exiting useLocalScope()\n",x);
} // end function useLocalScope
```

```
void useStaticLocalScope( void )
    // x is initialized only first time useStaticLocalScope is called.
    // It's value is kept till the next call.
    static int x = 50;
    printf("local static x is %d on entering useStaticLocalScope() \n",x);
                                                 // increment x
    ++x;
    printf("local static x is %d on exiting useStaticLocalScope() \n",x);
} // end function useStaticLocal
```

```
local x in main's outer block is 5
local x in main's inner block is 7
local x in main's outer block is 5
local x is 25 on entering useLocalScope()
local x is 26 on exiting useLocalScope()
local static x is 50 on entering useStaticLocalScope()
local static x is 51 on exiting useStaticLocalScope()
global x is 1 on entering useGlobalScope()
global x is 10 on exiting useGlobalScope()
local x is 25 on entering useLocalScope()
local x is 26 on exiting useLocalScope()
local static x is 51 on entering useStaticLocalScope()
local static x is 52 on exiting useStaticLocalScope()
global x is 10 on entering useGlobalScope()
global x is 100 on exiting useGlobalScope()
local x in main's outer block is 5
```

#### output

## <u>Variables</u>

- You must understand the difference between
  - Global vs Local variables
  - Static vs Global variables
  - Static vs Local(Automatic) variables

## Considerations (1)

- The <u>number of arguments</u> in the function call <u>must match</u> the number of arguments in the function definition.
- The <u>type</u> of the arguments in the function call <u>must match</u> the type of the arguments in the function definition.
- The type of actual return value must match the type of return type in function prototype.
- Before calling a function, either function definition or function prototype declaration must be done.

# Considerations (2)

- The <u>actual arguments</u> in the function call are <u>matched up inorder</u> with the <u>dummy arguments</u> in the function definition.
- The actual arguments are <u>passed by-value</u> to the function. The dummy arguments in the function are initialized with the present values of the actual arguments. *Any changes made to the dummy argument in the function will NOT affect the actual argument in the main program.*

## Why use functions?

### Many, many reasons

- Don't have to repeat the same block of code many times. Make that code block a function and call it when needed.
- Reuse: useful functions can be used in a number of programs.
- <u>top-down technique</u>: Make an outline and hierarchy of the steps needed to solve your problem and create a function for each step.
- Easy to debug: Get one function working well then move on to the others.
- Easy to modify and expand : Just add more functions to extend program capability
- Readibilty: Make program self-documenting and readable.

## **Math Library Functions**

```
(example)
#include <stdio.h>
#include <math.h> // you must include <math.h>
                    // to use math functions
int main()
  double c, a, b;
  scanf("%lf %lf",&a,&b);
  c=sqrt(pow(a,2)+pow(b,2));
  printf("a^2+b^2=%lf\n",c);
  return 0;
```

MethodDescriptionExampleceil(x)rounds x to the smallest integerceil(9.2) is 10.0	
coil (x) rounds r to the smallest integer   coil (0, 2) is 10.0	
Tourius x to the smallest integer   Cerr ( 3.2 ) is 10.0	
not less than $x$   ceil( -9.8 ) is -9.0	
cos(x) trigonometric cosine of x $cos(0.0)$ is 1.0	
(x in radians)	
exp(x) exponential function $ex$ $exp(1.0)$ is 2.71828	
exp(2.0) is 7.38906	
fabs ( $x$ ) absolute value of $x$ fabs ( $5.1$ ) is $5.1$	
fabs( 0.0 ) is 0.0	
fabs( -8.76 ) is 8.76	
floor ( x ) rounds x to the largest integer floor ( $9.2$ ) is $9.0$	
not greater than $x$ floor ( $-9.8$ ) is $-10.0$	
fmod(x, y) remainder of $x/y$ as a fmod(13.657, 2.333) is 1.992	
floating-point number	
$\log(x)$ natural logarithm of $x$ (base $e$ ) $\log(2.718282)$ is 1.0	
log( 7.389056 ) is 2.0	
log10 ( $\times$ ) logarithm of $x$ (base 10) log10 ( 10.0 ) is 1.0	
log10 ( 100.0 ) is 2.0	
pow(x, y) $x$ raised to power $y(x^y)$ pow(2, 7) is 128	
pow(9, .5) is 3	
sin(x) trigonometric sine of $x$ $sin(0.0)$ is 0	
(x in radians)	
sqrt(x)   square root of x   sqrt(900.0) is 30.0	
sqrt( 9.0 ) is 3.0	
trigonometric tangent of $x$ tan (0.0) is 0	
(x in radians)	
Math library functions.	