

APS 105 Lecture 15 Notes

Last lecture: Example larger program - Goldbach conjecture

Today: Scope and Arrays of Data

Scope of variables

The set of C statements where a variable is defined / visible / usable

- ✓ Variables inside functions are only scoped within functions - local variables / internal identifiers

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e.g.  int func(int x){
        int y = 2;
    }

        int main(){
        int x;
    }
  
```

Diagram illustrating scope:

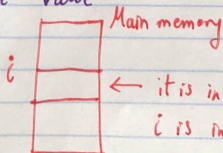
- For `func`: `int x` is the "scope of x" (indicated by a red arrow). `int y = 2;` is the "scope of y" (indicated by a red arrow).
- For `main`: `int x;` is the "scope of x" (indicated by a red arrow).

- ✓ You need to declare a variable before using it

~~`i;`~~ compile-time error
~~`int i;`~~ error

Note: initialization → declaring a variable without initialization, means it holds a "garbage" value

e.g. `int i;`
`i = i + 1;`



Another Note: initializing a pointer with NULL

e.g. `int *p;`

`p` will have garbage address, if you try to access an undetermined address it may (or may not) give you an error.

`*p = 6;` → This line may work, may get me bus error or segmentation fault.

If you set `p` to NULL & do `*p = 6` you'll get segmentation fault - which is good news as it is a deterministic error. You will then know that you need to make `p` point to a valid address

✓ Variables declared within compound statements are only available within the statement.

e.g. {

`int x = 2;`

}

↑ scope of
x
↓

Note: in another scope, you can re-use variable name, but not recommended as it is very error-prone

✓ External identifiers/global variables: variables declared at the top of your program .c file → these are scoped to all functions → error prone too, avoid using it

e.g. `#include <stdio.h>`
`int x;`

`void swap() {`
`=`

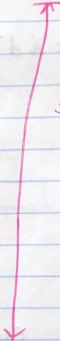
`}`

`int main() {`

`=`

`}`

scope of
x



Example:

`int foo (int x) {`

`int y = 5;`

`for (int i = 0; i < 10; i++) {`

`int z = 3;`

`y = z + x;`

`}`

`return y;`

`}`

scope
of
z



scope
of
i



scope
of
y



scope
of
x



Overlapping Scope: Avoid overlapping scope & avoid reusing variable names

```
int i=1;
printf("i=%d\n", i);
{
    int i=2; ← new i within scope of another i
    printf("i=%d\n", i);
}
printf("i=%d\n", i);
```

scope of old i

scope of new i

Output:

i=1
i=2
i=1

Arrays:

So far each identifier/variable name is for 1 value

It is more powerful to deal with many numbers/values under same name → less software writer, more work done by computer

e.g.

Assign #	1	2	3	4	5
lines of Code	40	120	450	350	90

To calculate the average, is it optimum to have variables linesCode₁, linesCode₂ ----?

Instead we can have lineCode, lineCode₂ -- as we do in algebra

Declare an array which can have more than 1 value

e.g.

Declaration:

`int linesCode[5];` ← creates 5 variables

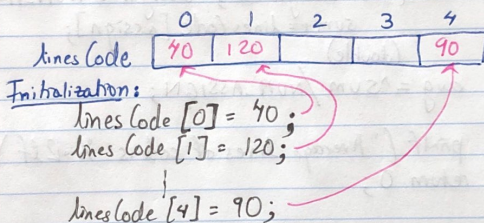
① `linesCode[0]` ← We always start from 0

② `linesCode[1]`

③ `linesCode[2]`

④ `linesCode[3]`

⑤ `linesCode[4]`



OR Declaration + Initialization: "you may/may not specify size"

`int linesCodes[5] = { 40, 120, 450, 350, 90 };`

OR

`int linesCode[] = { 40, 120, 450, 350, 90 };`

Another handy feature:

Recall `const int Pi = 3.14;`

We can also say

`#define PI 3.14`
 ↳ space

→ gets substituted in code

→ not a variable, no type

It is a macro

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Example program that calculates the average lines of code you have written in your assignments:

```
#include <stdio.h>
#define NUM_ASSIGN 5

int linesCode[] = {40, 120, 450, 350, 90};
int sum = 0;
double avg = 0;

for (int assign = 0; assign < NUM_ASSIGN; assign++)
    sum += linesCode[assign];

(double)
avg = sum / NUM_ASSIGN;

printf("Average lines of code is %.2lf\n", avg);
return 0;
}
```