# Spark Session: ft\_printf

Project description:

Recode printf

## **Topics**

- 1. Variadic Arguments
- 2. Function Pointers

#### **Variadic Arguments**

- 1. Variadic functions add flexibility to your code by allowing an unknown number of arguments. (30 mins)
  - What would its prototype look like? (5 mins)
  - Identify the 4 macros that allow you to access these arguments. (25 mins)
    - What are the argument types?
    - What are default argument promotions?
- 2. Let's practice accessing and carrying out operations on a variable argument list! (30 mins)
  - Write a variadic function that:
    - $\blacksquare$  has a prototype of function(const int n, ...)  $\boldsymbol{n}$  being the number of arguments in the list,
    - returns the **sum** of the integers in that list.
  - Write the accompanying main to test your function. Example test: does yourfunction(3, 40, 5, -3) return 42?

Break (5 mins)

### **Function Pointers**

- 1. Just as we can have pointers to data (char \*, int \*), we can have pointers to functions. (35 mins)
  - How do we declare a pointer to a function? Pay attention to bracket placement! (15 mins)
    - Let's break down the syntax. What does each part of the declaration mean?
    - What is the value stored in the function pointer? What is the type here?
    - Is there a difference between void (\*fn) and void \*fn?
  - When can function pointers come in handy? (10 mins)
  - Like normal pointers, we can also have an array of function pointers. What is their syntax? (10 mins)
- 2. Let's practice using a function pointer! (30 mins)
  - Write a function that: (10 mins)
    - ullet takes an integer  $oldsymbol{n}$  as argument,
    - prints "Hello" **n** times,
    - ullet returns nothing.
  - $\circ$  Now write an accompanying main that: (20 mins)

- declares a pointer to a function that takes an int and returns nothing,
- initialises that pointer to the Hello function you just wrote,
- calls that function 3 times using the function pointer.

#### Break (5 mins)

- 3. Now let's try doing something cooler with an array of function pointers. (20 mins)
  - Here's some code to get your started:

```
enum e_op
{
    PLUS = 0, MINUS
};

void operation_add(int a, int b)
{
    printf("%d + %d = %d\n", a, b, a + b);
}

void operation_minus(int a, int b)
{
    printf("%d - %d = %d\n", a, b, a - b);
}
```

- Write a main that:
  - declares an array of 2 function pointers, taking 2 ints and returning nothing,
  - assigns the first array element to operation\_add and the second element to operation\_minus,
  - calls each function at least once through the array. *Hint: enums can make indexing easier.*