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Debugger

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C Summary

- Programs consist of a collection of compilable units (.c files) coordinated by include files (.h files)
- Each unit is compiled separately by the compiler and linked together to produce an executable unit (a.out file)

A .c file

- Consists of a collection of functions (some local - declared static, and some global - references coordinated via .h files), and variables (again some local - declared static and some global - references coordinated via .h files)
- Each function has a signature (its collection of parameters and its return type).
- May also define local named constants and macros.

A .h file

- Synchronizes definitions across .c files (manual process, not automatic)
 - extern keyword
- Typically provides synchronization of #define'd macros and constants as well.

Variables

- C supports a number of basic types (int, char, float, double) which are tied to specific properties of the underlying hardware
- C supports more complex types including arrays, pointers, structures, unions and enumerated types.
- Typedef allows you to create 'new' types from collections of existing types.
- Within a function, a static variable is one that has one definition for the function. (Similar to the definition in Java.)

Operators

- Large collection of sophisticated operators at both the memory type level (+, -, *, /) as well as bit operators.
- No primitive string type, but a library (strings.h) provides standard set of string manipulation operators on arrays of ordered char's terminated by a null ('\0').

Pointer operators

- `int *p`
 - Defines `p` to be a pointer of type `int`
- `p++`; `p--`; `p+=1`; etc.
 - Increments `p` to point to the next (or previous) thing of this type. [pointers have a type]
- `p=&x`;
 - Sets `p` to the address of `x`.

Pointers and arrays

- C has pointers and arrays, C cleverly and silently provides access to arrays as a pointer to the same memory locations. So it is often said that arrays in C are just pointers, but its actually more subtle than that.
 - `&`, `*`, `->`, `[]` syntax elements
- `malloc()`, `free()`, `<stdlib.h>` - you are responsible for memory management in C
- Arrays are much as they are in Java and other languages
- Pointers enable recursive data structures, and passing references to variables between functions.

Functions

- Encapsulate code blocks and map arguments to parameters using call by value.
- Return type can be any type but an array.
 - For reasons of efficiency, typically return pointer to larger structures rather than copies.

C function structure

- Consists of structure elements.
- Simple statements are terminated by `;`
- The block `{ }` allows multiple statements to be grouped together.
- Local variable definitions must occur at the beginning of a block (ANSI requirement).
- Return value given by `'return'` statement.

Basic C programming structures

- Selection (if, if else, switch/case)
- Repetition (while, do .. while, for)

Input/Output

- Various libraries support this (not part of the language per se).
- POSIX I/O is tied to UNIX. Generally efficient, low level.
- Stdio library provides some hardware independence, more efficient (buffering) IO.

An example

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "nextInputChar.h"

static FILE *fd;
static int lastChar = -1;

void setFile(FILE *d)
{
    fd = d;
}

int getChar()
{
    if(lastChar >= 0) {
        int temp = lastChar;
        lastChar = -1;
        return temp;
    }
    if(!feof(fd))
        return fgetc(fd);
}

void ungetChar(int ch)
{
    if(lastChar >= 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ungetChar: max pushback is one character\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    if(ch < 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ungetChar: trying to push back a negative character\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    lastChar = ch;
}
```

Visible (and defined in the .h file)

```
void setFile(FILE *d);
int getChar();
void ungetChar(int ch);
```

nextInputChar.c

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "nextInputChar.h"
```

```
static FILE *fd;
static int lastChar = -1;
```

```
void setFile(FILE *d)
{
    fd = d;
}
```

```
int getChar()
{
    if(lastChar >= 0) {
        int temp = lastChar;
        lastChar = -1;
        return temp;
    }
    if(feof(fd))
        return -1;
    return fgetc(fd);
}
```

```
void ungetChar(int ch)
{
    if(lastChar >= 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ungetChar: max pushback is one character\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    if(ch < 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ungetChar: trying to push back a negative character\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    lastChar = ch;
}
```

Not visible (local to this file)

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        exit(1);
    }
    if(ch < 0) {
        fprintf(stderr, "ungetChar: trying to push back a negative character\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    lastChar = ch;
}
```

An if statement

```
#define MAX_SYMBOL_LENGTH 129
#define LEX_TOKEN_EOF 1
#define LEX_TOKEN_IDENTIFIER 2
#define LEX_TOKEN_NUMBER 3
#define LEX_TOKEN_OPERATOR 4
```

```
struct lexToken {
    int kind;
    char symbol[MAX_SYMBOL_LENGTH];
};
```

```
void freeToken(struct lexToken *token);
struct lexToken *nextToken();
void dumpToken(FILE *fd, struct lexToken *token);
struct lexToken *allocToken();
```

Token 'kinds'

Visible functions

lexical.h

```
#include <stdio.h>
#include <stdlib.h>
#include "lexical.h"
#include "nextInputChar.h"
```

```
#define STATE_S1 1
#define STATE_S2 2
#define STATE_S3 3
#define STATE_S4 4
```

```
/* function to allocate a new token */
struct lexToken *allocToken()
{
    struct lexToken *token;

    if((token = (struct lexToken *) malloc(sizeof(struct lexToken))) == (struct lexToken *)NULL) {
        fprintf(stderr, "nextToken: out of memory, aborting\n");
        exit(1);
    }
    token->symbol[0] = '\0';
    return token;
}
```

```
void freeToken(struct lexToken *token)
{
    (void) free(token);
}
```

```
void dumpToken(FILE *fd, struct lexToken *token)
{
    if(token == (struct lexToken *) NULL)
        fprintf(fd, "dumpToken: null token\n");
    else {
        switch(token->kind) {
            case LEX_TOKEN_EOF :
                fprintf(fd, "dumpToken: EOF token\n");
                break;
            case LEX_TOKEN_IDENTIFIER:
                fprintf(fd, "dumpToken: identifier token [%s]\n", token->symbol);
                break;
            case LEX_TOKEN_OPERATOR:
                fprintf(fd, "dumpToken: operator token [%s]\n", token->symbol);
                break;
            case LEX_TOKEN_NUMBER:
                fprintf(fd, "dumpToken: number token [%s]\n", token->symbol);
                break;
            default:
                fprintf(fd, "dumpToken: bad token type %d\n", token->kind);
        }
    }
}
```

Private defines

lexical.c (part 1)

Visible functions

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#include <stdlib.h>
#include "lexical.h"
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Switch statement

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#include "lexical.h"
#include "nextInputChar.h"
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        }
    }
}
```

Function returning pointer to a structure

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#include "nextInputChar.h"
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                break;
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        }
    }
}
```

Local memory management

Summary

- An intermediate level language
- Requires programmer to do their own memory management
- Complex set of operators to provide low level manipulation of basic types
- Size of types tied to hardware specifics.
- Mechanisms to obtain addresses of types (including arrays) allowing for sophisticated memory manipulation.

Summary 2

- Has many high level language features
 - If, switch, while, do, for - constructs
 - Local and global memory structures
 - Supports compilation over multiple source files but requires programmer to coordinate functions/variables, typically through .h files.

BASH review

- Bash is
 - Written as a replacement for the Bourne shell (its the Bourne Again Shell) in the late 1980's
 - A command line interpreter (CLI)
 - A procedural programming language
 - Extremely similar to sh (many machines make sh synonymous for bash)

Simple commands

- Fall into two basic groups
 - Built in (executed within the shell itself)
 - External (separate programs that are run)
- Basic syntax is
 - command arg1 arg2 arg3
 - In Unix flags are typically given to commands using dash command (e.g., -o foo.o)

```
JOB_SPEC [&]                (( expression ))
. filename [arguments]      :
[ arg... ]                  [[ expression ]]
alias [-p] [name=value] ... ] bg [job_spec ...]
bind [-lpsv] [-m keymap] [-f fi break [n]
builtin [shell-builtin [arg ...]] caller [EXPR]
case WORD in (PATTERN) [PATTERN]. cd [-l|-P] [dir]
command [-pVv] command [arg ...] compgen [-abdefgjkxuv] [-o option
complete [-abdefgjkxuv] [-pr] [-o continue [n]
declare [-affrtx] [-p] [name=valu dirs [-clpv] [+N] [-N]
disown [-h] [-ar] [jobspec ...] echo [-neE] [arg ...]
enable [-pnds] [-a] [-f filename] eval [arg ...]
exec [-cl] [-a name] file [redirc exit [n]
export [-nf] [name=value] ...] or false
fc [-e ename] [-nlr] [first] [last fg [job_spec]
for NAME [in WORDS ... ] do COMMA for (( exp1; exp2; exp3 )); do COM
function NAME { COMMANDS ; } or NA getopts optstring name [arg]
hash [-lr] [-p pathname] [-dt] [na help [-s] (pattern ...)]
history [-c] [-d offset] [n] or hi if COMMANDS; then COMMANDS; [ elif
jobs [-lnprl] [jobspec ...] or job kill [-s sigspec] [-n signum] [-si
let arg [arg ...] local name[=value] ...
logout popd [+N | -N] [-n]
printf [-v var] format [arguments] pushd [dir | +N | -N] [-n]
pwd [-LP] read [-ers] [-u fd] [-t timeout] [
readonly [-af] [name=value] ...] return [n]
select NAME [in WORDS ... ] do CO set [--abefhknptuvxBCHP] [-o opti
shift [n] shopt [-psu] [-o long-option] opt
source filename [arguments] suspend [-f]
test [expr] time [-p] PIPELINE
times trap [-lp] [arg signal_spec ...]
true type [-afptP] name [name ...]
typeset [-affrtx] [-p] name=valu ulimit [-Shacdflmpqstuvx] [limit
umask [-p] [-S] [mode] unalias [-a] name [name ...]
unset [-f] [-v] [name ...] until COMMANDS; do COMMANDS; done
variables - Some variable names an wait [n]
while COMMANDS; do COMMANDS; done _{ COMMANDS ; }
```

Bash built in commands (type help)

Bash supports multiple tasks

- Only one task is in the foreground
- task & - runs the job in the background
- ^Z - suspends the current job
- jobs - lists current jobs
- fg %n - brings job n to the foreground (has control of the terminal)
- bg %n - runs job n in the background
- kill %n - kills job n

Command history

- Bash's command line is sophisticated, it has editing capabilities, a history, command completion, etc.
- history - lists your history
- Each command has a number, to re-execute it type !n
- Up and down arrow keys let you walk through the history
- Left/right arrow keys let you move through the currently selected history element (and edit)
- Hit return to execute the command
- The arrows are vi-like, emacs-like motion works too (^a,^e,^p,^n)

Variables

- The shell supports variables, two types 'environment variables' and 'shell variables'
- Many commands use 'well known environment variables' to control their action.
- printenv - prints all environment variables
- set - prints all variables

PATH

- An environment variable
 - When you type a command junk -o foo -x bar
 - BASH first checks to see if its a built in command
 - If so, executes it
 - It then searches your path for junk that is executable by you
 - If found, executes it
 - If not found, prints an error
 - If you put a slash in the command name, then BASH just looks for the file directly
- Note: bash actually maintains a table of all executable programs to avoid having to search through this list often.

Variables

- `x=2`
 - Note: no spaces. None
- Want to know its value use `set` or
 - `echo "$x"` or `echo $x` (not `echo 'x'`)
- Variables are untyped
- Can set to null (`x=`)
- `let` command lets you manipulate variable values (but there are other ways, often better ones)
 - `let "x=2+3+4"`
 - `echo "$x"`

Exit status

- All commands has an exit status
 - 0 = good (true)
 - Anything else = bad (false)

Test

- `[]` or `test` is a command that 'tests' some property
- `test -f foo.c`
 - Tests if `foo.c` is a file that exists
 - `$?` is the last exit status

Test

- `test -f test.c; echo $?`

```
sh-3.2$ test -f test.c; echo $?
1
sh-3.2$ test -f test.c; echo $?
0
```
 - `test -f testxxx.c; echo $?`

```
sh-3.2$ test -f testxxx.c; echo $?
1
```
- ```
#!/bin/bash
if test -f test.c ; then
 echo "test.c exists"
else
 echo "test.c does not exist"
fi
```

# Test and [ ]

- [ ] is a 'short form' for 'test'
  - Requires blanks
- () executes the inner contents in a sub-shell
  - Limits side effects of the inner contents (more on this later)

# Test

```
sh-3.2$ test "h" \> "a"; echo $?
0
sh-3.2$ test "h" \< "a"; echo $?
1
```

- Huge number of options. A few observations
  - <, > are special symbols in the shell and must be escaped \<, \>
  - test uses different operators for strings and ints

```
sh-3.2$ test 2 \> 3; echo $?
1
sh-3.2$ test 2 \> 03; echo $?
0
```

```
sh-3.2$ test 2 -gt 3; echo $?
1
sh-3.2$ test 2 -gt 03; echo $?
1
```

# Let

- There are many ways of doing arithmetic expressions in bash.
- Mechanism #1 'let'

```
sh-3.2$ let z=3+5
sh-3.2$ echo $z
8
sh-3.2$ let z = 3 + 5
sh: let: =: syntax error: operand expected (error token is "=")
sh-3.2$ let "z=3+5"
sh-3.2$ echo $z
8
sh-3.2$ let "z = 3 + 5"
sh-3.2$ echo $z
8
sh-3.2$ let "z = z+6"
sh-3.2$ echo $z
14
```

# Back tick (quote)

- In Bash, if you execute a command in `ls` then the output of the command is returned.
- You can use \$(ls) as well.
  - z=\$(ls) or z=`ls`

# Iteration: for

- Bash as while, for and until structures
- while test; do .... done

```
sh-3.2$./foo.sh
#!/bin/bash
z=1
while test $z -le 10; do
 echo $z
 let "z=$z+1"
done
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
```

# Iteration: until

- until test ; do ... done

```
sh-3.2$./foo.sh
#!/bin/bash
z=1
until test $z -eq 11; do
 echo $z
 let "z=$z+1"
done
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
```

# Iteration: for

- Not similar to similar structures in C
  - Similar structures in modern Java and (all) Python's
- for var in list; do ... done

```
./foo.sh
#!/bin/bash
z=1
for z in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10; do
 echo $z
done
1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
```

# Iteration: for

- Iterate over all files in a directory?

```
#!/bin/bash
for z in `ls`; do
 echo $z
done
```

```
./foo.sh
foo.sh
hello
hello.c
output
```

# Case statement

- case expression in case1) cmd;; case2) cmd;; esac
- case1, case2 etc are patterns
  - \* matches everything
  - \*.c matches c files, \*.h matches h files etc.

# Functions in Bash

- As Bash programs become larger it becomes prudent to break them down into smaller modules
- Two approaches in Bash
  - Have one script defined in terms of other scripts/programs.
  - Have internal functions.

# Scripts within scripts

- Given that Bash will execute commands defined outside of the script, you can clearly have one script 'call' another.

```
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$ cat a.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo "in a"
./b.sh
echo "back in a"
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$ cat b.sh
#!/bin/bash
echo "in b"
```

```
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$./a.sh
in a
in b
back in a
```

# Functions

- Syntax
  - function name() { ... }
  - The parenthesis are optional

```
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$ cat c.sh
#!/bin/bash
function c() {
 echo "now in function c"
}
echo "about to call c"
c
echo "back"
```

```
wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$./c.sh
about to call c
now in function c
back
```

# Functions: parameters

- Parameters are \$1...\$n
- Number is \$#
- All parameters is given by \$@

```
#!/bin/bash
function c {
 echo "now in function c"
 if test $# -eq 0; then
 echo "no parameters"
 else
 for z in $@; do
 echo arg $z
 done
 fi
}

echo "about to call c"
c all this and heaven too
echo "back"

wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$./c.sh
about to call c
now in function c
arg all
arg this
arg and
arg heaven
arg too
back
```

# Variables in function

- By default, global
- Keyword local to identify as local
- Beware of variable hiding

```
#!/bin/bash
function c {
 echo "now in function c"
 local v1
 v1="hello world"
 v2="goodbye world"
 echo "c v1 $v1"
 echo "c v2 $v2"
}

v1="foo"
v2="bar"
echo "main v1 $v1"
echo "main v2 $v2"
echo "about to call c"
c
echo "back"
echo "main v1 $v1"
echo "main v2 $v2"

wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$./c.sh
main v1 foo
main v2 bar
about to call c
now in function c
c v1 hello world
c v2 goodbye world
back
main v1 foo
main v2 goodbye world
```

# Return values

- Functions can have a return value
- Exit value (#?)

```
#!/bin/bash
function c {
 echo "now in function c"
 if test $# -eq 0; then
 return 0
 fi
 return 1
}

echo "going"
c
echo $?
c hello
echo $?

wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$./c.sh
going
now in function c
0
now in function c
1
```

# Arrays

- Infrequently used, but they exist in bash
- Can declare them explicitly
  - declare -a foo=(a b c)
- Or implicitly
  - foo=(a b c)

- \${foo[2]} - element 2
- \${foo[@]} - all of foo
- \${#foo[@]} - size of foo
- Arrays are 0 offset

```
#!/bin/bash
foo=(monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday)
echo "${foo[0]}"
echo "${foo[1]}"
echo "${foo[2]}"
echo "${foo[3]}"
echo "${foo[@]}"
echo "${#foo[@]}"

wanderereecsyorkuca:t jenkins$./a.sh
monday
tuesday
wednesday
thursday
monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday
7
```

# Arrays

- Array elements can be null (so they will not print)
- Unset foo[2]

- foo[0]=

```
#!/bin/bash
foo=(monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday)
echo "${foo[@]}"
unset foo[2]
echo "${foo[@]}"
foo[0]=
echo "${foo[@]}"
```

# Arrays

- Can create arrays from arrays
- Can select parts of arrays
- \${foo[@]:2:1}

```
#!/bin/bash
foo=(monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday)
echo "${foo[@]}"
foo=("${foo[@]} holiday extraday")
echo "${foo[@]}"
echo "${foo[@]:3:2}"
foo=("${foo[@]:3:2}")
echo "${foo[@]}"
```

```
wanderereecsYorku.ca:~$./a.sh
monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday
monday tuesday wednesday thursday friday saturday sunday holiday extraday
thursday friday
```

# Bash and subshells

- It is easy (too easy) to generate subshells in bash
- Invoke another command
- Use a programming construct which bash implements by using subshells
- In either event you need to be aware that the (sub) shell will have its own local variables that will vanish when the sub-shell is exited

# Bash and sub-shells

- If you put a command in () it is executed in a subshell.

```
#!/bin/bash
x=7
echo before $x
(echo "in parenthesis $x";x=8;echo "in parenthesis $x")
echo "after $x"
```

```
wanderereecsYorku.ca:~$./d.sh
before 7
in parenthesis 7
in parenthesis 8
after 7
```

# Bash and sub-shells

- You can cause Bash to spawn subshells whenever you pipe the output of a command

```
#!/bin/bash
x=7
echo before $x
for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8; do
 let "x=$x+1"
 echo "inside $x"
done
echo "after $x"

wanderereecsYorkuca:t jenkins$ cat d.sh
#!/bin/bash
x=7
echo before $x
for i in 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8; do
 let "x=$x+1"
 echo "inside $x"
done | cat >/dev/null
echo "after $x"

./d.sh
before 7
inside 8
inside 9
inside 10
inside 11
inside 12
inside 13
inside 14
inside 15
after 15

./d.sh
before 7
after 7
```

# Summary

- Bash - a CLI (shell) based on sh before it
  - There are other shells. Bash is free so commonly used.
- Supports standard programming language constructs, untyped variables (int, string) and arrays
- Supports functions and the ability to invoke other programs (including other bash programs)
- Utilizes value of exit (very unix-friendly) to pass a single small value integer between processes
- Variables are 'complex' in that different programming features can lead to the spawning/use of subshells or separate processes with their own namespace.

# What's left

- Labtest next week
  - Only on BASH (no C programming)
- Next slide is a list of things you should be able to do in Bash programming

**clone.sh** - outputs itself  
**backup.sh** - make a gzip'd tar archive of your home directory, recursively  
**primes.sh** - print out all prime numbers from 2 to the first argument  
**iors.sh** - determine if its first argument is a string or a number  
**sdcl.sh** - safe delete. Like rm but rather moves to the file to ~/.trash don't overwrite anything in the trash  
**doublespace.sh** - read in stdin and write out its contents with an extra blank line between lines  
**rmempty.sh** - remove all empty files in a directory  
**rmemptydir.sh** - remove all empty directories in a directory  
**countfiles.sh** - count the number of files in a directory  
**drawtriangle.sh** - draw a triangle with n rows (n parameter)  
**drawsymmetrictriangle.sh** - draw a triangle with n rows (n parameter) symmetric  
**drawtree.sh** - draw a tree with n rows (parameter) and trunk  
**findhidden.sh** - find all hidden files in a directory (recursively)  
**mytree.sh** - print out a recursive listing of all files in a directory  
**rpncalc.sh** - do a RPC calculator of the command line arguments  
**countscrips.sh** - count number of shell scripts in a directory  
**findbig.sh** - find all files in a directory (recursively) larger than a given size  
**rot13.sh** - rot 13 stdin (move 13 spaces forward in ascii) to stdout  
**makeprint.sh** - replace all non-printable characters in stdin and copy to stdout