Introduction to Computing

MCS1101B Lecture 4

Recap

- Control Statements
 - Branching
 - Looping

- Branching
 - o if
 - o if else
 - o if else if else if ...
 - o ?:
 - Nested if else
 - switch

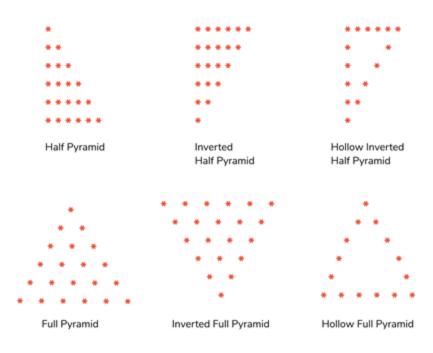
Looping

- o while
- o for
- do while
- o break, continue

Nested Loops: Printing a 2-D Figure

 How would you print the following diagram?

- Nested Loops
 - break and continue with nested loops

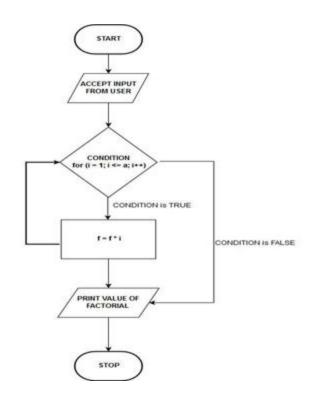


Nested Loops: Printing a 2-D Figure

```
for (j=0; j<5; j++)
printf ("*); → *
                                                     for (i=0; i<j;i++)
                                                           printf ("*"); \rightarrow ?
for (i=0; i<5;i++)
  printf ("*");
                                                   for (j=0; j<5; j++)
                                                     for (i=0; i<=j;i++)
for (j=0; j<5;j++)
                                                           printf ("*"); \rightarrow ?
                                     ****
  for (i=0; i<5;i++)
        printf ("*");
                                                   for (j=0; j<5; j++)
                                                     for (i=j; i<5; i++)
                                                           printf ("*"); \rightarrow ?
```

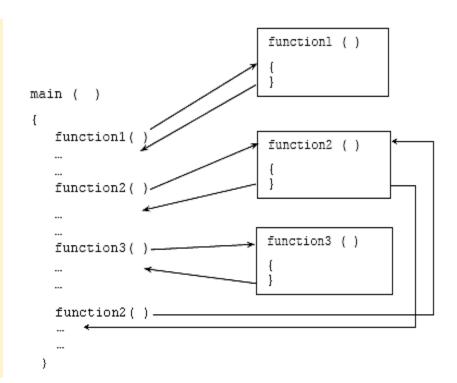
Sequence of Execution

- The flow of a program
 - the steps and branches can be represented in graphically
- Represented using Flow chart
 - Example: a for loop ⇒



Functions

- A program segment that carries out some specific, well-defined task
- Examples:
 - A function to add two numbers
 - A function to find the largest of n numbers
- A function will carry out its intended task whenever it is called or invoked
 - A function can be called multiple times



Function Definition

- Examples:
 - Print a banner
 - Factorial computation
 - GCD computation

- A function definition has two parts:
 - The first line, called header
 - The body of the function
 - May or may not have a return value

```
return-value-type function-name (parameter-list)
{
    declarations and statements
}
```

Function Prototypes

```
void print_msg ();
int get_hour (void);
void print_num (int);
int increment (int x);
int sum (int a, int b, int c);
float add (float, float);
```

```
double power (double, int);
int main ()
{... printf ("%lf", power(2, 10)); ...}
double power (double base, int expo)
   int i: double result=1;
   for(i=0; i < expo; i++)
      result *= base:
   return result:
```

Function Prototypes (contd.)

- Compiler needs to know some details of a function(see list below)
 before it is being used (called) in a program
 - 1. Name of the function
 - 2. Return type of the function
 - 3. The sequence of the parameters-types (parameter names are optional) of that function
 - 4. The definition/body of the function is optional
- The collection of these minimum requirements is known as function prototype

Example

```
Function prototype int gcd (int, int);
    Function Header int gcd (int A, int B)
> Start of function body
      ➤ Local variables int temp;
         > A while loop
                             while ((B \% A) != 0)
> Start of the loop block
           > Statement
                                  temp = B \% A;
           > Statement
                                  B = A;
           > Statement
                                  A = temp;
    > End of loop block
    Return statement return (A);
 > End of function body }
```

Functions (Two ways of writing)

```
#include<stdio.h>
#include<stdio.h>
                                                              void print_msg ();
void print_msg ()
                                                              int main ()
 printf ("inside print_msg function\n");
                                                                printf ("inside main function\n");
                                                                print_msg ();
int main ()
                                                                printf ("inside main function again\n");
                                                                return 0:
 printf ("inside main function\n");
 print_msg ();
                                                              void print_msg ()
 printf ("inside main function again\n");
                                                                printf ("inside print_msg function\n");
 return 0;
```

For both the above styles
The output will be the same >>>

inside main function inside print_msg function inside main function again

Functions (Two more examples)

```
#include<stdio.h>
                                                                 #include<stdio.h>
int get_result ()
                                                                 float add num (float a, float b)
 printf ("inside get_result\n");
                                                                  float result = a + b;
 return 1000;
                                                                  return result;
int main ()
                                                                 int main ()
 int result = get_result();
 printf ("value returned = %d\n", result);
                                                                  float x=100, y=200;
 // printf ("value returned = %d\n", get_result());
                                                                  printf ("sum of x and y = %f\n", add_num (x, y));
 // you can also directly call here ^^^^^
 return 0;
                                                                  return 0;
```

Output>>> inside get_result value returned = 1000

Output>>> sum of x and y = 300.0

Functions - Passing of variables

Passing of variables

- Variables values are copied when then are passed (by calling) to a function
- The actual variables are not passed
- So, a change made to a variable within a function will not reflect in the variable at the end of the caller

The return statement

- Return statement is optional
- But, the return type in the function prototype must be present
- Return statement causes the sequence of execution to return to the caller

Functions (Another example)

```
void swap (int a, int b)
                                                   void swap (int, int);
                                                   int main ()
  printf ("a=%d b=%d\n", a, b); //a=10 b=20
                                                     int a=10, b=20;
  int tmp = a; // copies 10 into tmp
  a = b; // copies 20 into a
                                                     printf ("a=%d b=%d\n", a, b); //a=10 b=20
  b = tmp; // copies 10 into b
                                                     swap (a, b);
  printf ("a=%d b=%d\n", a, b); //a=20 b=10
                                                     printf ("a=%d b=%d\n", a, b); //a=? b=?
                                                     return 0;
```

Scope of Variables

- Part of the program from which the value of the variable can be used (seen)
- Scope of a variable Within the block in which the variable is defined
 - Block = group of statements enclosed within { }
- Local variable scope is usually the function in which it is defined
 - So two local variables of two functions can have the same name, but they are different variables
- Global variables declared outside all functions (even main)
 - scope is entire program by default, but can be hidden in a block if local variable of same name defined

In The Next Class...

- You will learn about array and pointers
- You will learn more about functions