

Programming basics

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Problem:

If a function is very simple, the *time of invocation* is comparable with the *time of operation* → ineffectice, slow programs

Solution:

Change function calls to macro substitution! → text replacement with the preprocessor

Macros with arguments

operation1.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 int square(int x) {
4     return x * x;
5 }
6
7 int main(void) {
8     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3, square(3));      // 3*3 = 9
9     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3+1, square(3+1)); // 4*4 = 16
10    return 0;
11 }
```

Task: substitute all function calls with macros!

```
#define name(identifier-list) preprocessor-symbols newline
```

Macros with arguments

Caution!

It is forbidden to put a whitespace character between **SQUARE** and **(**! → changes the meaning to simple macro substitution, without arguments

operation2.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 #define SQUARE(x) x*x
4
5 int main(void) {
6     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3, SQUARE(3));    // 3*3 = 9
7     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3+1, SQUARE(3+1)); // 3+1*3+1 = 7
8     return 0;
9 }
```

Problem: order of operations!

Solution: brackets

Macros with arguments

operation3.c

```
1 #include <stdio.h>
2
3 #define SQUARE(x) (x)*(x)
4
5 int main(void) {
6     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3, SQUARE(3));    // (3)*(3) = 9
7     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3+1, SQUARE(3+1)); // (3+1)*(3+1)=16
8     return 0;
9 }
```

Next task: write a macro for addition!

Macros with arguments

operation4.c

```
3 #define SQUARE(x) (x)*(x)
4 #define ADD(x,y) (x)+(y)
5
6 int add(int x, int y) {
7     return x + y;
8 }
9
10 int main(void) {
11     printf("1+2=%d\n", 3, SQUARE(3));
12     printf("4*1+2=%d\n", 3+1, SQUARE(3+1));
13     printf("1+2=%d\n", ADD(1, 2));           // (1)+(2)=3
14     printf("4*1+2=%d\n", 4*ADD(1, 2));       // 4*(1)+(2)=6
15     printf("4*(1+2)=%d\n", 4*add(1, 2));     // 4*(1+2)=12
16     printf("4*(1+2)=%d\n", 4*(ADD(1, 2)));   // 4*((1)+(2))=12
17     return 0;
18 }
```

Problem: actual parameters are evaluated before function invocation, but are used without any modifications in case of macros → different program behavior, misleading

Solution: further brackets

Macros with arguments

operation5.c

```
3 #define SQUARE(x) ((x)*(x))
4 #define ADD(x,y) ((x)+(y))
5
6 int add(int x, int y) {
7     return x + y;
8 }
9
10 int main(void) {
11     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3, SQUARE(3));
12     printf("%d^2=%d\n", 3+1, SQUARE(3+1));
13     printf("1+2=%d\n", ADD(1, 2)); // ((1)+(2))=3
14     printf("4*(1+2)=%d\n", 4*ADD(1, 2)); // 4*((1)+(2))=12
15     printf("4*(1+2)=%d\n", 4*add(1, 2)); // 4*(1+2)=12
16     return 0;
17 }
```

Macros with arguments

Task: modify our earlier matrix addition program to calculate indexes with a macro!

mtxAdd5.c

```
5 // macro with arguments
6 #define idx(r,c,rowLength) ((r)*(rowLength)+(c))
7
8 int* allocate(int rows, int cols) {
9     return (int*)malloc(rows * cols * sizeof(int));
10 }
11
12 void generate(int* m, int rows, int cols) {
13     for(int r=0; r<rows; r++) {
14         for(int c=0; c<cols; c++) {
15             m[idx(r, c, cols)] = 10 + rand()%40;
16         }
17     }
18 }
```


Pros:

- Faster than a function call
- The code is less type-dependent

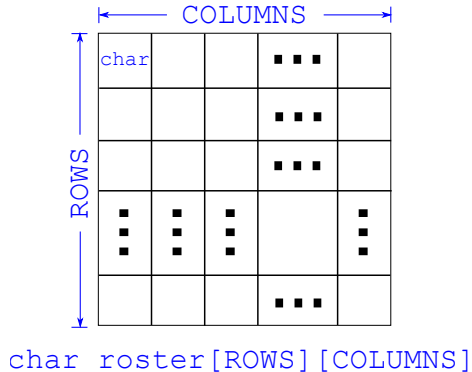
Cons:

- No type checks, hard to explore mistakes
- Code size increases, it is not suitable to replace complex functions
- The evaluation of passed expressions happens several times → time, side effects

Sorting names

Task:

- Read names and list them in alphabetical order!
- For the sake of simplicity, store the characters of names in a two-dimensional array



Sorting names

roster1.c

```
4  #define ROWS 10
5  #define COLUMNS 30

47 int main(void) {
48     printf("Sorting names\n");
49     char roster[ROWS][COLUMNS];
50     int n = read(roster);
51     bubble(roster, n);
52     printf("Names in alphabetic order:\n");
53     print(roster, n);
54     return 0;
55 }
```

roster1.c

```
16  int read(char (*a)[COLUMNS]) {
17      int n;
18      printf("Number of names to be sorted (max. %d): ", ROWS);
19      scanf("%d%c", &n);
20      if(n > ROWS) n = ROWS;
21      for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {
22          printf("Name #%d: ", i+1);
23          size_getline(a[i], COLUMNS-1);
24      }
25      return n;
26 }
```

roster1.c

```
28 void bubble(char (*a)[COLUMNS], int n) {
29     for(int e=n-1; e>=1; e--) {
30         for(int b=0; b<e; b++) {
31             if(strcmp(a[b], a[b+1]) > 0) {
32                 char swap[COLUMNS]; // moving whole strings
33                 strcpy(swap, a[b]);
34                 strcpy(a[b], a[b+1]);
35                 strcpy(a[b+1], swap);
36             }
37         }
38     }
39 }
```

roster1.c

```
41 void print(char (*a)[COLUMNS], int n) {  
42     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {  
43         printf("%s\n", a[i]);  
44     }  
45 }
```

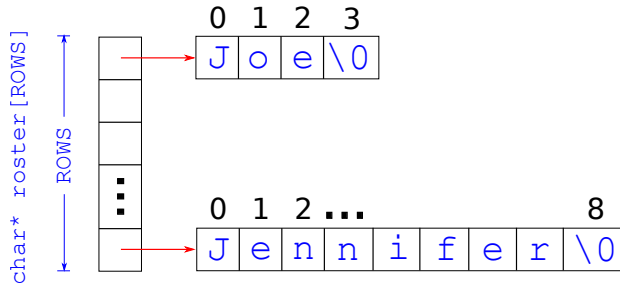
Sorting names

Problem:

The length of lines is the same → sometimes more memory would be needed, sometimes it is already too much

Task:

Modify the data structure, use an array of char pointers and allocate memory for the lines runtime!



roster2.c

```
5  #define ROWS 10

56 int main(void) {
57     printf("Sorting names\n");
58     char* roster[ROWS];
59     int n = read(roster);
60     bubble(roster, n);
61     printf("Names in alphabetic order:\n");
62     print(roster, n);
63     freeMem(roster, n);
64     return 0;
65 }
```


Sorting names

roster2.c

```
16 #define MAX 64
17 int read(char* a[ROWS]) {
18     int n;
19     char buf[MAX];
20     printf("Number of names to be sorted (max. %d): ", ROWS);
21     scanf("%d%c", &n);
22     if(n > ROWS) n = ROWS;
23     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {
24         printf("Name #%d: ", i+1);
25         int length = size_getline(buf, MAX-1);
26         a[i] = (char*)malloc((length+1) * sizeof(char));
27         strcpy(a[i], buf);
28     }
29     return n;
30 }
```

Sorting names

roster2.c

```
32 void bubble(char* a[ROWS], int n) {
33     for(int e=n-1; e>=1; e--) {
34         for(int b=0; b<e; b++) {
35             if(strcmp(a[b], a[b+1]) > 0) {
36                 char* swap = a[b]; // moving pointers only
37                 a[b] = a[b+1];
38                 a[b+1] = swap;
39             }
40         }
41     }
42 }

50 void freeMem(char* a[ROWS], int n) {
51     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {
52         free(a[i]);
53     }
54 }
```

Sorting names

Problem:

The number of names is still limited

Task:

Allocate memory for the pointer array at runtime!

roster3.c

```
56 int main(void) {  
57     printf("Sorting names\n");  
58     char** roster; // Points to an array of pointers  
59     int n = read(&roster);  
60     bubble(roster, n);  
61     printf("Names in alphabetic order:\n");  
62     print(roster, n);  
63     freeMem(roster, n);  
64     return 0;  
65 }
```

Sorting names

roster3.c

```
15 #define MAX 64
16 int read(char*** a) { // Points to a location where a pointer to an
17     int n;             // array of pointers is placed
18     char buf[MAX];
19     printf("Number of names to be sorted: ");
20     scanf("%d%c", &n);
21     *a = (char**)malloc(n * sizeof(char*)); // Allocate memory for the
22     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {               // array of pointers
23         printf("Name #%d: ", i+1);
24         int length = size_getline(buf, MAX-1);
25         (*a)[i] = (char*)malloc((length+1) * sizeof(char));
26         strcpy((*a)[i], buf);
27     }
28     return n;
29 }
```

Sorting names

roster3.c

```
43 void print(char** a, int n) {  
44     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {  
45         printf("%s\n", a[i]);  
46     }  
47 }  
48  
49 void freeMem(char** a, int n) {  
50     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {  
51         free(a[i]);  
52     }  
53     free(a); // freeing the array  
54 }
```

Task:

- Reading the names of two cities
- Printing the distance of these cities
- Exit if the same city is entered twice

Solution:

- Storing the names of cities in a vector
- and the distances of cities in a matrix
- The same index can be used to access the name of the city and it's distance from another city

Output

```
Determining the distances of cities  
Exit by entering the same city twice  
Departure from: Budapest  
Arrival at: Eldorado  
Non-existent city!  
Gyor  
Distance: 121km  
Departure from: Gyor  
Arrival at: Gyor
```

cities1.c

```
48  int main(void) {
49      int from, to;
50      printf("Determining the distances of cities\n"
51             "Exit by entering the same city twice\n");
52      do {
53          printf("Departure from: "); from = getCityIdx();
54          printf("Arrival at: "); to = getCityIdx();
55          if (from != to) {
56              printf("Distance: %dkm\n", getDistance(from, to));
57          }
58      } while (from != to);
59      return 0;
60 }
```


Distances of cities

cities1.c

```
15 #define CITIES 7
16 #define MAX 32
17 int getCityIdx() {
18     char* cityList[CITIES] = {
19         "Budapest", "Gyor", "Szeged",
20         "Debrecen", "Veszprem",
21         "Dunaujvaros", "Eger"
22     };
23     char cityName[MAX+1];
24     do {
25         size_t getline(cityName, MAX);
26         for(int i=0; i<CITIES; i++) {
27             if(not strcmp(cityList[i], cityName)) {
28                 return i;
29             }
30         }
31         printf("Non-existent city!\n");
32     } while(true);
33 }
```

Distances of cities

cities1.c

```
35 int getDistance(int from, int to) {
36     int distanceMtx[CITIES][CITIES] = {
37         { 0, 121, 174, 231, 115, 83, 139 },
38         { 121, 0, 287, 377, 82, 176, 285 },
39         { 174, 287, 0, 218, 278, 161, 298 },
40         { 231, 377, 218, 0, 368, 320, 131 },
41         { 115, 82, 278, 368, 0, 103, 275 },
42         { 83, 176, 161, 320, 103, 0, 228 },
43         { 139, 285, 298, 131, 275, 228, 0 }
44     };
45     return distanceMtx[from][to];
46 }
```

“Triangular” matrices

Remark: more than the half of the data in the matrix can be omitted

$$(m_{i,j} = m_{j,i}, m_{i,i} = 0)$$

	Budapest	Győr	Szeged	Debrecen	Veszprém	Dunaújváros	Eger
Budapest	0	121	174	231	115	83	139
Győr	121	0	287	377	82	176	285
Szeged	174	287	0	218	278	161	298
Debrecen	231	377	218	0	368	320	131
Veszprém	115	82	278	368	0	103	275
Dunaújváros	83	176	161	320	103	0	228
Eger	139	285	298	131	275	228	0

Problem: all rows of a matrix have the same length

Solution: creating a vector addressing vectors of different lengths
(array of pointers, \approx lower triangular matrix)

“Triangular” matrices

cities2.c

```
24 int getDistance(int from, int to) {
25     if(from == to) return 0;
26     int a[] = { 121 };
27     int b[] = { 174, 287 };
28     int c[] = { 231, 377, 218 };
29     int d[] = { 115, 82, 278, 368 };
30     int e[] = { 83, 176, 161, 320, 103 };
31     int f[] = { 139, 285, 298, 131, 275, 228 };
32     int* distanceMtx[CITIES-1] = { a, b, c, d, e, f };
33     if(from < to) {
34         int swap = from;
35         from = to;
36         to = swap;
37     }
38     return distanceMtx[from-1][to]; // -1 -> no need to store the 1st row
39 }
```

Alternative solution

Remark: even the pointers to vectors can be saved if the values under the main diagonal are stored continuously in a single vector

	Bp. [0]	Győr [1]	Szeged [2]	Debr. [3]	Veszp. [4]	Duv. [5]
Győr [1]	121					
Szeged [2]	174	287				
Debrecen [3]	231	377	218			
Veszprém [4]	115	82	278	368		
Dunaújváros [5]	83	176	161	320	103	
Eger [6]	139	285	298	131	275	228

[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[5]	[6]	[7]	[8]	[9]
121	174	287	231	377	218	115	82	278	...

The number of distances in rows above the searched data forms an arithmetical progression $\rightarrow S_n = \frac{[2a_1 + (n-1)d] \cdot n}{2}$, specifically $a_1 = 1, d = 1 \rightarrow S_n = \frac{(n+1) \cdot n}{2}$

Alternative solution

Watch out! The indexing of rows in the program starts with 0, not with 1!

cities3.c

```
35 int getDistance(int from, int to) {
36     if(from == to) return 0;
37     int distanceMtx[(CITIES*(CITIES-1))/2] = {
38         121,
39         174, 287,
40         231, 377, 218,
41         115, 82, 278, 368,
42         83, 176, 161, 320, 103,
43         139, 285, 298, 131, 275, 228
44     };
45     if(from < to) {
46         int swap = from;
47         from = to;
48         to = swap;
49     }
50     return distanceMtx[from*(from-1)/2 + to];
51 }
```

Problem:

- local variables have *automatic* lifetime (auto): from the moment of definition to the moment when execution leaves their block
- re-allocation of vectors and matrices are time consuming

Solution: usage of the static modifier

- lifetime: from the start of the program to its end → keep their values between function calls
- scope: unchanged (from declaration to the end of the block)
- initialized implicitly (filling with zero bits)

cities4.c

```
35 int getDistance(int from, int to) {
36     if(from == to) return 0;
37     static int distanceMtx[(CITIES*(CITIES-1))/2] = {
38         121,
39         174, 287,
40         231, 377, 218,
41         115, 82, 278, 368,
42         83, 176, 161, 320, 103,
43         139, 285, 298, 131, 275, 228
44     };
45     if(from < to) {
46         int swap = from;
47         from = to;
48         to = swap;
49     }
50     return distanceMtx[from*(from-1)/2 + to];
51 }
```


Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

Task:

- Create the vector and the triangle matrix at runtime
- Fill them with values given by the user

cities5.c – main

```
74 int main(void) {
75     char** cityList;
76     int numCities;
77     int** cityDistances;
78     int from, to;
79     printf("Determining the distances of cities\n"
80           "Number of cities: ");
81     scanf("%d%c", &numCities);
82     cityList = readCities(numCities);
83     printf("Enter distances between cities\n");
84     cityDistances = readDistances(cityList, numCities);
85     printf("Exit by entering the same city twice.\n");
```

Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

cities5.c – main

```
86  do {
87      printf("Departure from: ");
88      from = getCityIdx(cityList, numCities);
89      printf("Arrival at: ");
90      to = getCityIdx(cityList, numCities);
91      if (from != to) {
92          printf("Distance: %dkm\n",
93                getDistance(cityDistances, from, to));
94      }
95  } while (from != to);
96  freeMem(cityDistances, cityList, numCities);
97  return 0;
98 }
```

Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

cities5.c

```
16 #define MAX 32
17 char** readCities(int n) {
18     char** cityList = (char**) malloc(n * sizeof(char*));
19     for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {
20         printf("Name of city #%d: ", i+1);
21         char buf[MAX+1];
22         int length = size_getline(buf, MAX);
23         cityList[i] = (char*) malloc(length+1);
24         strcpy(cityList[i], buf);
25     }
26     return cityList;
27 }
```

Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

cities5.c

```
41 int getCityIdx(char** cityList , int n) {
42     char cityName[MAX+1];
43     do {
44         size_getline(cityName , MAX);
45         for(int i=0; i<n; i++) {
46             if(not strcmp(cityList[i] , cityName)) {
47                 return i;
48             }
49         }
50         printf("Non-existent city!\n");
51     } while(true);
52 }
```

Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

cities5.c

```
29  int** readDistances(char** cityList, int n) {
30      int** distanceMtx = (int**) malloc((n-1)*sizeof(int*));
31      for(int from=1; from<n; from++) {
32          distanceMtx[from-1] = (int*) malloc(from * sizeof(int));
33          for(int to=0; to<from; to++) {
34              printf("%s → %s: ", cityList[from], cityList[to]);
35              scanf("%d%c", &distanceMtx[from-1][to]);
36          }
37      }
38      return distanceMtx;
39  }
```

Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

cities5.c

```
54 int getDistance(int** distanceMtx, int from, int to) {  
55     if(from == to) return 0;  
56     if(from < to) {  
57         int swap = from;  
58         from = to;  
59         to = swap;  
60     }  
61     return distanceMtx[from - 1][to];  
62 }
```

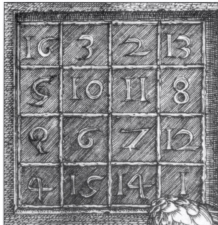
Dynamic “Triangle matrices”

cities5.c

```
64 void freeMem(int** distanceMtx, char** cityList, int n) {  
65     for(int i=0; i<n-1; i++) {  
66         free(distanceMtx[i]);  
67         free(cityList[i]);  
68     }  
69     free(distanceMtx);  
70     free(cityList[n-1]);  
71     free(cityList);  
72 }
```

Magic square

- A square matrix containing (generally between 1 and n^2) integers in which
 - the sum of all rows,
 - the sum of all columns,
 - the sum of numbers on the main diagonal and
 - the sum of numbers on the side diagonal are the same.
- Further curiosities



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Magic square

Constructing a magic square of odd order

- ① Start in the central column of the first row with the number 1
- ② Write increasing numbers in the matrix during the consecutive steps (2, 3, ..., n^2)!
- ③ The place of the next value is in general **one step upwards and to the right**
 - If the determined element is already filled the operation must be continued **below** the previously filled element
 - If the determined element lies outside the matrix move to the **opposite side** (eg. instead of the element “above the topmost one” use the element at the bottom).

Step 1			Step 2			Step 3			Step 4			Step 5			Step 6		
	1			1			1			1			1			1	6
						3			3			3	5		3	5	
					2			2	4		2	4		2	4		2

Step 7			Step 8			Step 9		
	1	6	8	1	6	8	1	6
3	5	7	3	5	7	3	5	7
4		2	4		2	4	9	2

Magic square

magic.c

```
43 int main(void) {
44     int size;
45     do {
46         printf("Size of the magic square: ");
47         scanf("%d", &size);
48     } while(size%2 == 0);
49     int** magic = generate(size);
50     print(magic, size);
51     freeMem(magic, size);
52     return 0;
53 }
```

Magic square

`magic.c` – generate

```
4 // It works only with square matrices of odd order!
5 int** generate(int size) {
6     // Allocating memory
7     int** mtx = (int**) malloc(size * sizeof(int*));
8     for(int r=0; r<size; r++) {
9         mtx[r] = (int*) calloc(size, sizeof(int));
10    }
```

Magic square

magic.c – generate

```
11 // Filling
12 int r=0, c=size/2;
13 for(int n=1; n<=size*size; n++) {
14     mtx[r][c] = n;
15     int i = r-1; if(i==-1) i=size-1;
16     int j = c+1; if(j==size) j=0;
17     if(mtx[i][j] != 0) {
18         r++;
19     } else {
20         r = i;
21         c = j;
22     }
23 }
24 return mtx;
25 }
```

Magic square

`magic.c`

```
27 void print(int** mtx, int size) {
28     for(int r=0; r<size; r++) {
29         for(int c=0; c<size; c++) {
30             printf("%d\t", mtx[r][c]);
31         }
32         putchar('\n');
33     }
34 }
35
36 void freeMem(int** mtx, int size) {
37     for(int r=0; r<size; r++) {
38         free(mtx[r]);
39     }
40     free(mtx);
41 }
```