

Homework 2

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1. Consider the following C code

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

float f;

void func( float f ) {
    printf( "f at mark1 %f\n", f );
    f = 3.0; // f1
    printf( "f at mark2 %f\n", f );
}

int main( int argc, char *argv[] ) {
    f = 2.0; // f2
    printf( "f at mark0 %f\n", f );
    func( f );
    printf( "f at mark4 %f\n", f );
}
```

a. In the assignment statement with // f1 next to it, what variable f does that assignment refer to? A file-level variable or a function-level variable?

It refers to the function-level f

b. In the assignment statement with // f2 next to it, what variable f does that assignment refer to? A file-level variable or a function-level variable?

File-level variable

c. What is printed when this code is executed? (obviously, you can run the code, but the idea here is to be able to predict it first).

f at mark0 2.0

f at mark1 2.0

f at mark2 3.0

f at mark4 2.0

2. Write your own C code example of shadowing

```
float a=4.0;

void fxn() {
```

```
float a=5.0; // this a will shadow the a declared in file-level scope  
}
```

3. Write your own C code example of a variable whose lifetime is not linked to its scope.

```
int *ptr=(int *) malloc(sizeof(int));
```

4. Identify two differences between scoping rules in C and Python.

- i. Python has no block level scope while C does.
- ii. In Python, to manipulate a global variable (file-scope), it needs to be declared as “global variableName” inside functions. While in C, unless the variable is shadowed, it can automatically be manipulated inside a function.

5. Identify two differences between scoping rules in C and Java.

- i. Java does not allow shadowing of variables while C does
- ii. Since Java is Object oriented, you can refer to the class members in Java using ClassName.memberName or this.memberName. Since C is not object oriented, data members can only be accessed by name. Since Java does not shadow, variables inside a function and class-level variables can both be accessed.