

Topic 8: Function pointer and callback function

Function pointer

- Function pointer: A pointer which direct to the address of a function
- The declaration of function pointer
 - `void (*foo)(int);`
 - `int (*foo)(int, int);`
 - `double (*foo)(int *, int *);`
- The usage
 - To have a prototype first \rightarrow `void func (int x)`
 - Then assign the pointer by \rightarrow `foo = func;`

```
#include <stdio.h>
void func1(int x)
{
    printf ("function 1: %d\n", x );
}

void func2(int x)
{
    printf ("function 2: %d\n", x );
}

int main()
{
    void (*foo)(int);

    foo = func1;
    foo (2); /* calling */

    foo = func2;
    foo (3); /* calling */

    return 0;
}
```

Callback function

- The application of function pointer
- Usage:
 - When a function receives a command, you can have a common interface to deal with multiple commands
 - For example, the communication protocol in kernel
 - The packet may be TCP or UDP
 - In the IP layer, there many have a common interface, named
segment (control, **proto**)
 - where the Proto can be TCP or UDP

```
#include <stdio.h>

/* calling function with callback declaration
*/
void AddNumbers(int x, int (*ySrc)(int)) {
    int z = ySrc(x);
    printf("result: %d\n", x + z);
}

/* One possible callback. */
int DoubleY(int y) {
    return (2*y);
}

/* Another possible callback. */
int MultiY(int y) {
    return (y*y);
}

int main(void) {
    AddNumbers(30, DoubleY);
    AddNumbers(30, MultiY);
}
```

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

void f1 (int input)
{
    printf("you entered %d\n", input);
}

void f2 (int input)
{
    printf("here you entered %d\n", input);
}

void f3(int input)
{
    printf("this time you entered %d\n", input);
}
```

```
int main(void)
{
    int choice;
    void (*func[3])(int) = {f1, f2, f3};

    printf("please choice from 0 to 2: ");
    scanf("%d", &choice);

    func[choice](choice);
}
```

W10-2 on site assignment

- Use the concept of function pointer and callback to implement a bubble sort program
 - Choose 0 or 1 to sort by increasing or decreasing order
 - No static array is allowed !

```
ryanpan@RyanPanPC /Volumes/MyWorks/D_Data/teaching/111/C/week11$ ./a.out
Please enter (0) increasing or (1) descesing sort: 0
  Please enter a string: sdfkljsdl
    Result: ddfjkl1ss
Please enter (0) increasing or (1) descesing sort: 1
  Please enter a string: ekwjlfj
    Result: wlkjjfe
Please enter (0) increasing or (1) descesing sort: □
```