Lecture 7: C Programming II

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Lesson Objectives

- Explain the origin and use of the ASCII standard
- Understand specific features of C programming language
 - Strings, Arrays, and Pointers
- Be able to articulate the memory structure and use of a string, array, and pointer
- Be able to use arrays to hold a vector of data
- Demonstrate concepts through multiple examples





ASCII Standard

- American Standard Code for Information Interchange
- Used to represent text on computers
- Uses a 7 bit integer assigned to each character
- 2⁷ = 128 characters (52 english letters, upper and lower case, 10 numbers, punctuation, control codes
- Published in 1963, latest version 1986
- Originally designed for "teleprinters"
- Other text standards (UTF-8, UTF-16, etc)





ASCII Standard

American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII)

			В	$_{7}B_{6}B_{5}$				
B ₄ B ₃ B ₂ B ₁	000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
0000	NULL	DLE	SP	0	@	P		р
0001	SOH	DC1	1	1	Α	Q	a	q
0010	STX	DC2	"	2	В	R	b	r
0011	ETX	DC3	#	3	С	S	C	s
0100	EOT	DC4	\$	4	D	Т	d	t
0101	ENQ	NAK	%	5	E	U	e	u
0110	ACK	SYN	&	6	F	V	f	V
0111	BEL	ETB	•	7	G	w	g	w
1000	BS	CAN	(8	н	X	h	X
1001	HT	EM)	9	-1	Y	i	У
1010	LF	SUB	*		J	Z	j	z
1011	VT	ESC	+	;	K	1	k	{
1100	FF	FS	(196)	<	L	١	1	I
1101	CR	GS	9520	F ≅ Y	M	1	m	}
1110	SOH	RS	•	>	N	^	n	~
1111	SI	US	1	?	0		0	DEL





ASCII Art





Important ASCII "Chars"

\0 NULL Null character

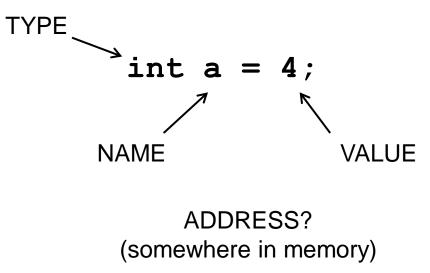
\n
 Line feed

\r CR Carriage return

\t TAB Tab character

- Essential and powerful part of the C language
- Have a certain stigma with new programmers
- Every variable has a NAME, ADDRESS, and VALUE

NAME	a
ADDRESS	0x28feb8
VALUE	4







NAME	a					a_addr	
ADDRESS	28feb8	•••	•••	•••	•••	28febc	
VALUE							





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VALUE		 			





NAME	a						a	a_addr		
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VALUE	4							0		





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```
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int main()
{
    int a = 4; // Integer with value of 4
    // variable NAME is "a" has a VALUE of 4, and ADDRESS is 28feb8
    int *a_addr = 0; // Pointer to an "int"
    // variable NAME is "a_addr" has a VALUE of NULL, and ADDRESS is 28febc
    a_addr = &a; // Storing the address of "a" in "a_addr" (28feb8)

    printf("Address of \"a\": %x\n", &a); // 28feb8
    printf("Value of \"a_addr\": %x\n", a_addr); // 28feb8
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    printf("Value of \"a\": %i\n", *a_addr); // 4
    return 0;
}
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Asterisk



 Used to tell the compiler, "this is a pointer to a "int", not an int"

```
int *a_addr; // Pointer to an "int" (not a variable)
```

 Also used to tell the compiler, "get the value of the variable stored at the address stored in this pointer"

```
int b = *a_addr; // Get the value of the variable stored at "a_addr" (4)
// OR
*a_addr = 10; // Change the value of the variable stored at "a_addr"
```





Ampersand



Used to tell the compiler, "get the address of this variable"

```
a_addr = &a; // (28feb8) Storing the address of "a" in "a_addr"
```





Ampersand



Also used in a "pass by reference" case

```
void func_add(int b, int &c) // compiler makes a copy of "b" in memory
and makes copy of the address of "c", not a full copy of the data in "c"
{
          c = b + c;
}
int main()
{
        int a = 4;
        func_add(10,a); // a is now 14
        return 0;
}
```

Often used to "return" multiple values





Pointer Vocabulary

 Referencing a pointer – using the address stored in the pointer

- Dereferencing a pointer getting the value of the variable at the stored address (*)
- A pointer "points" to a variable when the pointer stores the address of that variable.





Significance of Pointers

- List sort: It takes less computation to rearrange a list of variable addresses, than to rearrange the data in the variables directly.
- Arrays: Pointers enable low level, high speed sequential and random memory access
- Everybody uses them (often behind the scenes)
 - In Java, non-primitive function arguments are passed-byreference (kind of) and all variables are really pointers although programmers can't modify the pointers directly.
 - In Matlab, when function arguments are "handles"





Drawbacks of Pointers

· Confusing, hard to read

```
int data[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}; // Define an array of "ints"
printf("%i\t%i\t%i\r\n", data[4], *(data + 4), *(&data[4]));
// prints 5(tab)5(tab)5(tab)
```

"With great power, comes great responsibility"

More difficult to debug and maintain





Pointers - Conclusions

- Avoid pointer arithmetic
- Manipulate pointers only when necessary
- Add copious comments to avoid confusion

- Pointers save computational resources (important for microcontrollers)
 - The program can pass the address of the data to many functions and they all can work on the same copy of the data (not simultaneously) rather than making a separate copy for each function call.





Fun Fact

Ever wonder why a 32bit computer can only have a maximum of 4GB of memory?

Because the size of a pointer in memory on a 32 bit machine is only 32 bits! So there are only 2^{32} = 4294967296 possible unique addresses!

On a 64 bit machine there are a maximum of 18 EB (18 trillion bytes, or exabytes, 9 orders of magnitude more)





Arrays - Initialization

```
int data[6];
                   // Memory is allocated but is uninitialized JUNK!
int data[6] = { }; // Memory is allocated and initialized to zero
int data[] = { 7, 42, 6, 12, 99, -155}; // Allocated and initialized
(size is implicit)
char str[7] = "abc"; // Initialized to "abc\0\0\0\0" (padded with NULL)
int data[][2] = {\{22, 8\}, \{1, -16\}, \{47, 109\}\}; // Define a 2D array
int data[4][2] = {\{22, 8\}, \{1, -16\}, \{47, 109\}\}; // Define a 2D array
(zero padded)
// RULES
// 1. Size MUST be specified when declared, size can't change afterward.
// 2. In general, just define an array that will always be big enough to
hold your data (size*2 etc). Easy, but considered bad practice.
// 3. Dynamically sized arrays are available if memory is tight. See:
http://www.codingunit.com/c-tutorial-the-functions-malloc-and-free
```





Arrays – Accessing Values

```
// 1D array
int data[] = { 7, 42, 6, 12, 99, -155};
printf("%i", data[1]); // 42
data[1] = 10;
printf("%i", data[1]); // 10, { 7, 10, 6, 12, 99, -155};
// 2D array
int data2D[][2] = {\{22, 8\}, \{1, -16\}, \{47, 109\}\}; // Define a 2D array
of "ints" (3x2 array)
printf("%i", data2D[1][1]); // -16
data2D[2][1] = 10; // 109 changed to a 10
```

Arrays are always "passed by reference" into a function





Arrays

Memory architecture

```
int data[] = { 7, 42, 6, 12, 99, -155}; // Define an array of "ints"
```

NAME	data[0]	data[1]	data[2]	data[3]	data[4]	data[5]
ADDRESS	28fea0	28fea4	28fea8	28feac	28feb0	28feb4
VALUE	7	42	6	12	99	-155

- data is a pointer to data[0]
- *data
 is equivalent to data[0]
- * (data+1) is equivalent to data[1]





Arrays

```
int a_i[] = {7, 42, 6, 12, 99, -155}; // Define an array of ints
double a_d[] = {7.0, 42.0, 6.0, 12.0, 99.0, -155.0}; //Array of doubles
char str[] = { 'H', 'e', 'l', 'o', '\0'}; // Define an array of chars
```

NAME	a_i[0]	a_i[1]	a_i[2]	a_i[3]	a_i[4]	a_i[5]
ADDRESS	28fea0	28fea4	28fea8	28feac	28feb0	28feb4
VALUE	7	42	6	12	99	-155
Bytes	1 2 3 4					

NAME	a_d[0]	a_d[1]	a_d[2]	
ADDRESS	28fec0	28fec8	28fed0	
VALUE	7.0	42.0	6.0	
Bytes	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8			

NAME	str[0]	str[1]	str[2]	str[3]	str[4]	str[5]
ADDRESS			:			
VALUE	Н	е	_	-	0	0
Bytes	1	2	3	4	5	6

"int", "float", "double" sizes are platform dependent! MPS432: int = 4 bytes, float = 4 bytes, double = N/A Atmel328: int = 2 bytes, float = 4 bytes, double = 4

Quiz

- How are pointers and arrays related?
- Pointer arithmetic

```
int data[] = { 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9}; // Define an array of "ints"

*data

*(data + 4)

*(&data[4])

*(data + (*(data[5] + data + 2)-4)
```





Multidimensional Arrays

```
// 2D array initialization
int data2D[10][2]; // Allocate memory for a 10x2 array (uninitialized)
int data2D[10][2] = {}; // Allocate memory, values initialized to zero
int data2D[][2] = {{22, 8}, {1, -16}, {47, 109}}; // Allocate a 2D
array (3x2)
int data2D[4][2] = {{22, 8}, {1, -16}, {47, 109}}; // Allocate a 2D
array (4,2 zero padded)

data2D[1][0] = 33; // Changing the value 1 to 33
```

- The syntax suggests a 2 dimensional matrix format, which is very useful, but the memory is actually stored linearly.
- Modifying values uses the same method as for 1D arrays.





Multidimensional Arrays

```
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```

NAME	**data2D								
NAME	*data2D[0]				*data2D[2]				
NAME	data2D[0][0]	data2D[0][1]	data2D[1][0]	data2D[1][1]	data2D[2][0]	data2D[2][1]			
ADDRESS	28fea0	28fea4	28fea8	28feac	28feb0	28feb4			
VALUE	22	8	1	-16	47	109			
Byte	1 2 3 4								

```
data2D[0][1]; // value = 8
data2D[2][0]; // value = 47

data2D[1]; // value = 28fea8 (address of data2D[1][0])
*data2D[1]; // value = 1
```





Arrays as Function Arguments

Functions treat array arguments like pointers

Copy Array

```
int array1[100];
int array2[100];

array2 = array1;  // This won't work

// This is what you have to do
void array_copy(int array1[], int array2[], int n)
{
          for(int i=0; i<n; i++)
          {
                array2[i] = array1[i]; // Assigning the value
          }
}</pre>
```





Other Function Arguments

Passing by reference is slightly different than passing a pointer

```
// Although it is passing in a pointer, the variable "val" can be
treated like a variable directly. It kind of hides the fact.
int func1(int &val)
        val = 2;
// This function works the same way but "val" must be treated like a
pointer
int func2(int *val)
        *val = 2;
int main()
        int a = 0:
        func1(a);
        func2(&a);
```

Arrays – Conclusions

- Arrays store data in memory sequentially
- Array indices ([0][1][5]) can be used like matrix indices

Array indexing is one of the most common bugs.
 Make sure not to exceed the size of the array.





Power of arrays

- Matrix multiplication
- Gaussian elimination
- LU decomposition
- Eigenvalues
- Regression
- Control systems
- Image processing
- Data acquisition (12-bit ADC on MSPM0)





Strings

- Special type of char array
- Last byte should contain the NULL character '\0'
 to demarcate the end of the string
- The programmer is responsible to allocate space for the '\0'





Strings

```
// Initialization examples
char str1[3];
                      // Memory allocated but not initialized
char str2[3] = ""; // Memory allocated and filled with '\0'
char str3[4] = "abc"; // Memory allocated and initialized, compiler adds '\0'
char str4[4] = {'a', 'b', 'c', '\0'}; // Memory allocated and initialized
char str5[10] = "thing"; // Memory allocated and initialized, pads with '\0'
char *str6 = "string literal!"; // Don't do this. This can't be modified.
printf("%s",str4); // Prints chars until it reaches a '\0'
char str7[][6] = {"fox", "in", "socks"};  // str5 is 3x6, 2D array of chars
char *str8[3] = {"fox", "in", "socks"}; // Don't do this.
str6 is an array of 3 char pointers to 3 STRING LITERALS of length 4, 3, and 6.
char *str9[] = {str2,str3,str4}; // This is fine. 3x1 Array of pointers to
those strings. Values and pointers are modifiable. Each string only has the
amount of memory allocated to it when it was initialized. NOT a 3x4 char array.
```





Strings

```
char str5[][6] = {"fox", "in", "socks"};  // str5 is 3x6, 2D array of chars
```

f	0	Х	\0	\0	\0
i	n	\0	\0	\0	\0
S	0	С	k	S	\0

3x6 array

In memory:

f o x \0 \0 i n \0 \0 \0 \0 s o c k s

str5[0][0] through str5[2][5] are valid memory addresses and modifiable





Strings – Functions

- strcmp(str1,str2)
- strcpy(str1,str2)
- strncpy(str1,str2,n)
- strcat(str1,str2)
- strlen(str)

(functions above found in string.h)





Strings – Conclusions

- A string is a special array of chars
- A string is '\0' (null character) terminated
- There are standard library functions for string manipulation (most in string.h)
- Using strings makes code human readable but can cause unforeseen bugs if not careful





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Dec	H	Oct	Cha	r	Dec	Нх	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	Нх	Oct	Html	Chr	Dec	: Нх	Oct	Html Ch	hr_
0	0	000	NUL	(null)	32	20	040	@#32;	Space	64	40	100	a#64;	0	96	60	140	& # 96;	8
1	1	001	SOH	(start of heading)	33	21	041	@#33;	!	65	41	101	A	A	97	61	141	a	a
2	2	002	STX	(start of text)	34	22	042	@#3 4 ;	**	66	42	102	B	В	98	62	142	@#98;	b
3	3	003	ETX	(end of text)	35	23	043	@#35;	#	67	43	103	C	С				c	
4	4	004	EOT	(end of transmission)				a#36;					D					d	
5				(enquiry)				a#37;					E					e	
6				(acknowledge)				&					F					f	
7			BEL	(bell)	I			a#39;		-			a#71;			_		@#103;	
8	_	010		(backspace)	ı			a#40;					H					4 ;	
9				(horizontal tab)				a#41;					6#73;					i	
10		012		(NL line feed, new line)	ı			a#42;					a#74;					j	
11	_	013		(vertical tab)				a#43;					a#75;					k	
12		014		(NP form feed, new page)				a#44;					a#76;					l	
13	_	015		(carriage return)	ı			a#45;					6#77;		1			m	
14		016		(shift out)				a#46;			_		a#78;					n	
		017		(shift in)				6#47;					a#79;					o	
			DLE	(data link escape)				a#48;					4#80;					p	
			DC1	(device control 1)				a#49;					Q	_		. –		q	
			DC2					a#50;					R		ı — — -	. –		r	
				(device control 3)				6#51;					S		1			s	
				(device control 4)				۵#52;					a#84;					t	
				(negative acknowledge)				6#53;					U		1			u	
				(synchronous idle)	ı			a#54;					4#86;		1			v	
				(end of trans. block)				a#55;					W		1			w	
				(cancel)	ı			a#56;					4#88; «#88					x	
		031		(end of medium)				a#57;					۵#89;					y	
		032		(substitute)				6#58;					Z		1			z	
		033		(escape)	ı			6#59;					6#91;		1	. –		{	
		034		(file separator)				a#60;					\						
		035		(group separator)				a#61;					6#93;	-				}	
		036		(record separator)				a#62;					a#94;					~	
31	ΙF	037	បន	(unit separator)	63	3F	077	۵#63;	?	95	5F	137	6#95;	_	127	7 F	177		DEL



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Source: www.LookupTables.com

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 A variable <u>stores</u> a value (int, char, double, etc). A pointer <u>holds the address</u> to a variable.

NAME	a					a_addr
ADDRESS	28feb8	•••	•••	•••	•••	28febc
VALUE	4					0





- Arrays What is the difference between an array and a pointer and how do you use an array in assignments and function arguments?
- An array is a contiguous chunk of memory where multiple variables of the same type are stored serially. The name of the array (without indexing) returns the address of the first variable in the array
 - Square brackets [] to index
 - Send function arguments with * symbol



