CSE 333
Lecture 2 - arrays, memory, pointers

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Administrivia

ex0, hw0 were due 15 minutes ago!
- let me know if you had any logistical issues with either

ex1 is out today, due on Friday
- hw1 will be handed out on Friday, due two weeks later

No lecture on Monday
- Steve is traveling
Today’s agenda

More C details

- functions
- arrays
- refresher on C’s memory model
  - address spaces
  - the stack
  - brief reminder of pointers
Defining a function

```c
returnType name(type name, ..., type name) {
    statements;
}
```

```c
// sum integers from 1 to max
int sumTo(int max) {
    int i, sum = 0;
    for (i=1; i<=max; i++) {
        sum += i;
    }
    return sum;
}
```
Problem: ordering

You shouldn’t call a function that hasn’t been declared yet

```
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    printf("sumTo(5) is: %d\n\n", sumTo(5));
    return 0;
}

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sum_badorder.c
Problem: ordering

Solution 1: reverse order of definition

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    }
    return sum;
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    printf("sumTo(5) is: %d\n", sumTo(5));
    return 0;
}
```

sum_betterorder.c
Problem: ordering

Solution 2: provide a declaration of the function

- teaches the compiler the argument and return types of the function

```c
#include <stdio.h>

// this function prototype is
// a declaration of sumTo
int sumTo(int);

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    printf("sumTo(5) is: %d\n", sumTo(5));
    return 0;
}

// sum integers from 1 to max
int sumTo(int max) {
    int i, sum = 0;
    
    for (i=1; i<=max; i++) {
        sum += i;
    }
    return sum;
}
```

sum_declared.c
Arrays

\[ \text{type name[size];} \]

example allocates 100 ints’ worth of memory
- initially, each array element contains garbage data

an array does not know its own size
- \( \text{sizeof(scores)} \) is not reliable; only works in some situations
- recent versions of C allow the array size to be an expression

\[ \text{int n=100;}
\text{ int scores[n];} // \text{OK in C99} \]
Initializing and using arrays

type name[size] = {value, value, ..., value};
- allocates and array and fills it with supplied values
- if fewer values are given than the array size, fills rest with 0

name[index] = expression;
- sets the value of an array element

```c
int primes[6] = {2, 3, 5, 6, 11, 13};
primes[3] = 7;
primes[100] = 0;  // smash!
// 1000 zeroes
int allZeroes[1000] = {0};
```
Multi-dimensional arrays

type name[rows][columns] = {{values}, ..., {values}};

- allocates a 2D array and fills it with predefined values

```c
// a 2 row, 3 column array of doubles
double grid[2][3];

// a 3 row, 5 column array of ints
int matrix[3][5] = {
    {0, 1, 2, 3, 4},
    {0, 2, 4, 6, 8},
    {1, 3, 5, 7, 9}
};
```

matrix.c
Arrays as parameters

It’s tricky to use arrays as parameters

- arrays are effectively passed by reference (not copied)
- arrays do not know their own size

```c
int sumAll(int a[]); // prototype declaration

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int numbers[5] = {3, 4, 1, 7, 4};
    int sum = sumAll(numbers);
    return 0;
}

int sumAll(int a[]) {
    int i, sum = 0;
    for (i = 0; i < ...???
    }
```
Arrays as parameters

Solution 1: declare the array size in the function

- problem: code isn’t very flexible

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int sumAll(int a[5]);

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int numbers[5] = {3, 4, 1, 7, 4};
    int sum = sumAll(numbers);
    printf("sum is: %d\n", sum);
    return 0;
}

int sumAll(int a[5]) {
    int i, sum = 0;

    for (i = 0; i < 5; i++) {
        sum += a[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
```
Arrays as parameters

Solution 2: pass the size as a parameter

```c
int sumAll(int a[], int size);

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int numbers[5] = {3, 4, 1, 7, 4};
    int sum = sumAll(numbers, 5);
    printf("sum is: %d\n", sum);
    return 0;
}

int sumAll(int a[], int size) {
    int i, sum = 0;

    for (i = 0; i <= size; i++) {   // CAN YOU SPOT THE BUG?
        sum += a[i];
    }
    return sum;
}
```

arraysum.c
Returning an array

Local variables, including arrays, are stack allocated
- they disappear when a function returns
- therefore, local arrays can’t be safely returned from functions

```c
int *copyarray(int src[], int size) {
    int i, dst[size];     // OK in C99

    for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        dst[i] = src[i];
    }
    return dst;         // no -- buggy
}
```

buggy_copyarray.c
Solution: an output parameter

Create the “returned” array in the caller

- pass it as an **output parameter** to `copyarray`
- works because arrays are effectively passed by reference

```c
void copyarray(int src[], int dst[], int size) {
    int i;

    for (i = 0; i < size; i++) {
        dst[i] = src[i];
    }
}
```
copyarray.c
OS and processes

The OS lets you run multiple applications at once

- an application runs within an OS “process”
- the OS timeslices each CPU between runnable processes
  - happens very fast; ~100 times per second!

process 1        process 2        ⋮        process N

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operating system
Processes and virtual memory

OS gives each process the illusion of its own, private memory

- this is called the process’ *address space*
- contains the process’ virtual memory, visible only to it
- $2^{32}$ bytes on 32 bit host
- $2^{64}$ bytes on 64 bit host
Loading

When the OS loads a program, it:

- creates an address space
- inspects the executable file to see what’s in it
- (lazily) copies regions of the file into the right place in the address space
- does any final linking, relocation, or other needed preparation
The stack

Used to store data associated with function calls

- when you call a function, compiler-inserted code will allocate a stack frame to store:
  - the function call arguments
  - the address to return to
  - local variables used by the function
  - a few other pieces of bookkeeping

```c
int f(int p1, int p2) {
    int x;
    int a[3];
    ...
    return x;
}
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a stack frame
The stack in action

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- read/write segment
- globals
- read-only segment
  (`main`, `f`, `g`)
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(main, f, g)
Addresses and &

`&foo` produces the virtual address of `foo`

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int foo(int x) {
    return x+1;
}

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int x, y;
    int a[2];

    printf("x is at %p\n", &x);
    printf("y is at %p\n", &y);
    printf("a[0] is at %p\n", &a[0]);
    printf("a[1] is at %p\n", &a[1]);
    printf("foo is at %p\n", &foo);
    printf("main is at %p\n", &main);

    return 0;
}
```
Pointers

type *name;       // declare a pointer
type *name = address;   // declare + initialize a pointer

a pointer is a variable that contains a memory address
- it points to somewhere in the process’ virtual address space

```c
int main(int argc, char **argv) {
    int x = 42;
    int *p;       // p is a pointer to an integer
    p = &x;       // p now stores the address of x
    printf("x is %d\n", x);
    printf("&x is %p\n", &x);
    printf("p is %p\n", p);
    return 0;
}
```

A stylistic choice

C gives you flexibility in how you declare pointers

- one way can lead to visual trouble when declaring multiple pointers on a single line

- the other way is what I prefer

```
int* p1;
int *p2;  // i prefer
```

```
int* p1, p2;  // bug?; equivalent to int *p1; int p2;
int* p1, * p2; // correct

or

int *p1, *p2;  // correct, i prefer
```
Dereferencing pointers

*pointer                // dereference a pointer
*pointer = value;      // dereference / assign

dereference: access the memory referred to by a pointer

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    printf("x is %d\n", x);
    *p = 99;
    printf("x is %d\n", x);

    return 0;
}
```
Self exercise #1

Write a function that:
- accepts an array of 32-bit unsigned integers, and a length
- reverses the elements of the array in place
- returns void (nothing)
Self exercise #2

Write a function that:

- accepts a function pointer and an integer as an argument
- invokes the pointed-to function
  ‣ with the integer as its argument
Self exercise #3

Write a function that:

- accepts a string as a parameter
- returns
  ‣ the first whitespace-separated word in the string (as a newly allocated string)
  ‣ and, the size of that word
See you on Friday!