CSE 333
Lecture 2 - arrays, memory, pointers

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Administrivia 1

ex0 was due 30 minutes ago! Solution posted after class
- let us know if you had any logistical problems with it

ex1 out now, due before class Friday

hw0 out yesterday, due Thursday night, 11 pm
- Logistics and infrastructure - should be quick

hw1 out sometime tomorrow, due 2 weeks later
- First (large) part of (larger) project

Reference system (grading, etc.) is CSE lab/VM Linux
Administrivia 2

Communications

- Use discussion board when possible
  - Contribute & read - help each other out
  - **Everyone** should **must** post a followup to the “welcome” message - get gopost to track new messages for you

- Mail to cse333-staff@cs when needed (not individual staff)

Office hours & lab - yes, it’s 003, not 002

- Machines mostly fixed & we’ve discovered how to turn on all the lights(!)

Anyone still trying to register for the course?

- We think we have CSE accounts for all non-majors by now
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

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

// sum of 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", sumTo(5));
  return 0;
}

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int sumTo(int max) {
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sum_badorder.c
Problem: ordering

Solution 1: reverse order of definition

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#include <stdio.h>

// sum of integers from 1 to max
int sumTo(int max) {
  int i, sum = 0;
  
  for (i=1; i<=max; i++) {
    sum += i;
  }
  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
- then definitions can be in a logical order, not who-calls-what

```
#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 of 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
Declaration vs Definition

C/C++ make a careful distinction between these

Definition: The thing itself
- Code for function; a global variable definition that creates storage
- Must be exactly one actual definition of each thing (no dupes)

Declaration: Description of a thing, repeated in all files that use it
- Function prototype or external variable declaration
  - Often in header files and incorporated via #include
  - Should also #include declaration in the file with the actual definition to check consistency
- Should occur before first use
Arrays

**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

- sizeof(scores) is not reliable; only works in some situations
- recent versions of C allow the array size to be an expression
  - But not good practice to put large data in local stack frames (performance)

```c
int n=100;
int scores[n]; // OK in C99
```
Initializing and using arrays

`type name[size] = {value, value, ..., value};`

- allocates an array and fills it with supplied values
- if fewer values are given than the array size, fills rest with 0
- only works for initialization - can’t assign whole array values later

`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!
```

```c
// 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
Parameters: reference vs value

Two fundamental parameter-passing schemes

Call-by-value

- Parameter is a local variable initialized when the function is called, but has no connection with the calling argument after that [C: almost everything, Java: everything (primitive types, references values)]

Call-by-reference

- Parameter is an alias for the actual argument supplied in the call (which must be a variable); it is not a separate local variable in the function [C/C++ arrays, C++ references]
Arrays as parameters

It’s tricky to use arrays as parameters

- arrays are effectively passed by reference (not copied)
  - “array promotion” - array name treated as pointer to first element
- 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
  (can’t assign/return whole arrays as values)

```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!
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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    int n1 = f(3, -5);
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}
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    int x;
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    ...
    x = g(a[2]);
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OS kernel [protected]

- stack
- heap (malloc/free)
- read/write segment
- globals
- read-only segment (main, f, g)
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- **stack**
  - **main**
    - argc, argv, n1
  - f
    - p1, p2, x, a
  - g
    - param

### heap (malloc/free)

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- **globals**
  - (main, f, g)

### read-only segment
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```
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 contains 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;       // correct - better
int *p2;       // (int *p1, *p2; is also ok, but less robust)
```
Dereferencing pointers

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

dereference: access the memory referred to by a pointer

```c
#include <stdio.h>

int main(int argc, char **argv) {
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  int *p;       // p is a pointer to an integer
  p = &x;       // p now contains the address of x

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

  return 0;
}
```

deref.c
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!